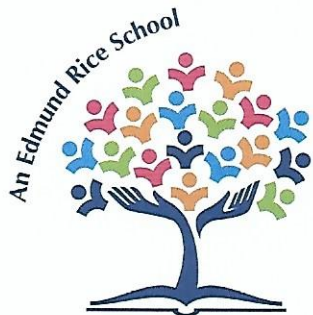




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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Primary schoolbooks scheme for 2025/26 school year

For the 2025/2026 school year all students in primary schools in the Free Education Scheme will receive free schoolbooks, workbooks and copies. This will be in place in time for the start of the new school year.

This scheme is being implemented by Minister for Education Helen McEntee, TD. It is in recognition of the cost of preparing children and young people for the return to school. The cost of providing schoolbooks and core classroom resources will now be borne by the State. The scheme will ensure equity of access, where all children and young people enrolled in primary schools in the Free Education Scheme can commence the new school year in 2025/26 with the same schoolbooks, workbooks and copies, as other children and young people in their class.

Funding for the scheme in 2025/6 is being provided directly to primary schools by the Department of Education. Schools now have responsibility for providing schoolbooks, workbooks and copies, to all the pupils at the start of the 2025/26 school year.

All schoolbooks will remain the property of the school so that they can be reused in future years. Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to children and young people for the duration of the school year and must be returned to school at the end of the school year.

Parents/Guardians are requested to remind their child/children to take care to their schoolbooks and keep them in good condition during the year. It is not permitted to write on schoolbooks.

Please find attached a list of items which you are required to purchase before the start of the school year.

Yours sincerely,

Anne O Callaghan
CHAIRPERSON
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