

POLICY ON TEXT-BOOKS, BOOK RENTAL AND LIBRARY BOOKS

1. Class Text-books

We are very conscious of the cost of text-books and for this reason, the different book series in use in the school are changed as rarely as possible.

A combination of individual teachers, or sub-committee members, or agreed class-level teachers research and "test" any proposed new text-books before adopting them for class or school use.

2. Book Rental

In consultation with the Board of Management and Parents Association, the school has recently begun a Book Rental Scheme to alleviate the costs of purchasing text-books for our necessitous pupils.

Initially, the Book Rental Scheme is available only to children who qualify under the terms and conditions as laid down for the Department of Education and Skills grant. For a minimal rental fee, paid by parents to the school, each qualifying child is given a full set of class text books for their class level for the full school year. These text books are returned to the school at the end of the school year in very good order, towards maintaining a stock of books in the school for the rental scheme.

3. Library Books.

Each classroom is equipped with a large stock of suitably graded reading material according to the pupils' interests, abilities and needs.

This is augmented annually by the Meath County Library Service.

An annual appeal is made to parents to donate any books from home, which their children no longer use.

The Board of Management also helps with funding towards provision of Library books.