



BOOK GRANT SCHEME 2024/25

Dear Parent / Guardian

Terms of reference of Book Grant Scheme 2024/25 for Form 5 & Form 6 Students Only

A book grant scheme is available for senior students in state post-primary schools to help with the cost of school books. The scheme is mainly aimed at students from low-income families and families experiencing financial hardship. Funding for this scheme comes from the Department of Education and the scheme is administered in each school by the Principal.

1. The amount granted per student, if any, depends on the size of the Department of Education Grant and the number of applicants.
2. *Students entering Leaving Certificate (Form 5) are prioritised due to the greater cost at this time.*
3. Entitlement to a medical card does not necessarily indicate eligibility. Please note that the Department of Education defines a student in need as one from a family where there is:
 - Genuine hardship because of unemployment/ short term working
 - Prolonged illness of a parent
 - Large family size with **inadequate means**
 - Single parent families
 - Families dependent on social welfare
4. If your application is successful, you will receive an e-voucher for easonschoobooks.com for a certain amount. You will be able to redeem the amount of this voucher during the checkout stage of your online purchase.
5. The scheme does not provide for cash payments to parents/guardians.
6. Applications for Book Grants will be processed as soon as it is practical after the school is informed of the overall grant.
7. Completed Book Grant Application Forms must be returned to the Principal, by post or by email **by Thursday 20th June 2024**. Please put 'Book Grant Scheme' in the subject line of your email or on your envelope.

Book Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Principal and may only be spent at easonschoobooks.com

All applications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Yours sincerely

Padraic Corley, Principal