



Stepaside Educate Together National School Book Rental Scheme 2016

Summary of the process:

1. The school buys the books to be used by the pupils. The books are then 'rented' out to the pupils. The parents pay a nominal sum per annum for the rent of the books. Any damaged book must be replaced by the parents.
2. The school has to make an initial outlay to buy the books. Properly cared for the books should last 4 years approx. Over that time, the money paid in by parents will cover the initial outlay and provide money to replace the books.
3. Once started a book rental scheme becomes self-financing and eventually provides a large stock of books in the classroom for the teachers' use. Some of these books will no longer be in print or up-to-date but can nevertheless provide a valuable resource in the classroom.
4. Initial outlay is funded by rental monies, DES book grant, fundraiser, initial contribution from the BoM. The book grant for 2016 was €1,230. The income from each class will be calculated in September to ensure that book rental monies gathered from parents have been allocated accordingly.
5. Organisationally all books need to be stamped with the school stamp. They could be barcoded and input to the Aladdin system or each book could be given a number and the children are given the books in accordance with their number on the roll book (Aladdin system). This makes it easier to monitor who has the books and makes the children more conscious of their obligation to take care of the books.

It is important to us to keep costs to a minimum, not just for the school but for the parents whenever possible. The book rental scheme saves parents a lot of money, especially as children get older.

Parents pay the following per child:

Junior infants: €10 based on cost of 2 ORT books per pupil plus covering

Senior Infants: €10 based on cost of 2 ORT books per pupil plus covering

1st class: €10 based on cost of 2 ORT books per pupil plus covering

2nd class: €10 based on cost of 2 ORT books per pupil plus covering, 2 class novels costing €4 per pupil based on a novel costing €8 and working from a quarter of that cost.

3rd class: 2 class novels €4 per pupil, €10 Irish reader based on 2 books per pupil plus covering, SESE Geography and Science book €3, SESE history book €3 (based on a quarter of that books cost- total cost €11.30 for both).

All amounts based on a class of 30 pupils

After consulting with various schools who have operated successful book rental schemes we calculated these costs with care. Costs are based on a quarter of the price of each textbook and with the ORT scheme and Irish scheme based on the cost of 2 new readers per pupil (allowing for 60 books per class). Costs also factor in the cost of covering the books (between 0.85c and €1 per book) to help with longevity. The quarter cost price is based on the fact that books will generally have a shelf life of 4 years at best.

Parents of children who damage a book will be asked to replace the book.

Signed: _____

Chairperson of the Board of Management

Date: _____