

Lisnagry National School Book Rental Scheme

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A Book Rental Scheme will be in operation throughout the school for the year 2015/2016 and into the future. In the present financial climate it is important to keep the cost of books to parents as low as possible. This scheme will save you a lot of money, especially as children grow older.

The following conditions apply to the Scheme:-

1. Membership of the Book Rental Scheme is compulsory. The parents are charged a fixed sum each year to participate in the Book Rental Scheme. This money is then used to buy/cover/supplement/replace sets of books which are used by children in the school. With careful management these books will last for many years.
2. A rental charge of €10 per year for Junior Infants to Second Class, and €20 per year for Third to Sixth Classes will apply for the 2015/2016 school year. The payment of this charge will secure the rental of all relevant text books, as and when required, throughout the school year.
3. Purchase of workbooks, disposable materials and stationery will remain outside the scope of this scheme and remains the responsibility of the parents.

The following table is a guide to the approximate savings made for members of the scheme.

Class	Cost to Parents in Book Rental Scheme (excluding deposit)	Cost to Parents if the Book Rental Scheme wasn't in operation. (approx amounts)
Junior Infants	€10	€24.90
Senior Infants	€10	€24.85
1 st Class	€10	€31.75
2 nd Class	€10	€31.25
3 rd Class	€20	€60.95
4 th Class	€20	€70.85
5 th Class	€20	€71.75
6 th Class	€20	€71.75

4. A deposit of €10 must be paid for each child joining the Scheme this year. Please note that this deposit is paid ONCE, subject to members adhering to the terms of the scheme. It will be held in the school and returned to you when your child leaves Lisnagry.



5. The following Table outlines the charges for 2015-2016.

Class your child will be in in September 2015	Deposit- ONCE Off	Rental Charge	Total payable to join the scheme
Junior Infants	€10	€10	€20
Senior Infants	€10	€10	€20
1 st Class	€10	€10	€20
2 nd Class	€10	€10	€20
3 rd Class	€10	€20	€30
4 th Class	€10	€20	€30
5 th Class	€10	€20	€30
6 th Class	€10	€20	€30

Please note: You will receive a contract to sign and an envelope for the total amount to be paid for each child, after the June Bank Holiday Weekend.

- Contracts and money will be collected in June in order for the books to be ready for September. Money can be given to your child's class teacher. You will receive reminders via text messages well in advance of these dates.

6. Each parent/guardian will be required to read, accept and sign the Book Rental Scheme terms and conditions which will be retained in the school.

The books supplied under the Scheme will remain the property of the school and may be subject to inspection at any time by a member of the teaching staff.

Any pupil found to be abusing, defacing or disposing rented books will be dismissed from the scheme and will be required to supply their own text books for the remainder of their time in the school.

Please take time to familiarise yourself with the Frequently Asked Questions section attached.

As this is our first year operating a Book Rental Scheme we welcome your comments/queries. The success of the scheme depends on your involvement. We look forward to your co-operation in the weeks ahead. All information will be posted on our school website at www.lisnagryns.ie in due course.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the School Book Rental Scheme, and why set one up?

SBRS's are the most effective method of keeping the cost of school books to a minimum for parents and pupils. SBRS's address the cost of purchasing school books up front; pooling resources; paying costs over time – usually two to three years, through book rental fees.

How will it work?

The school and SRBS committee will source, cover and catalogue the books required for each year. In return for an annual fee, each child will receive the required books in September in time for the academic year.

How much will the Book Rental Scheme cost for my child?

The cost of Book Rental will depend on the class your child is in and how many books are being provided. For example, a child in one class level might only rent four books that cost a relatively small amount of money new, with the addition of some supplementary reading books, whereas a child in another class level might rent seven books that cost a significant amount of money new, with the addition of several supplementary texts and novels.

Why must I pay a deposit?

Each pupil joining the Book Rental Scheme will be asked to pay a once off deposit of €10. In the event that a book being rented by your child is lost, damaged or destroyed, you will be asked to replace it. If the book is not replaced, the school will purchase a new book using the €10 deposit that you paid. **You will not be allowed to re-join the Book Rental Scheme until the €10 deposit is repaid in full to the school.** Your child will be refunded his/her deposit of €10 when he/she leaves Lisnagry School.

Is participation in the Scheme optional?

No. The book scheme is being implemented right across the whole school as policy for everyone. SRBS are the most effective method of keeping costs of school books to a minimum for parents and pupils. The SRBS will reduce the cost for parents, protect them from book changes from year to year and eliminate book ordering, covering etc.

Will I still receive a booklist?

Yes. You will receive a list of the workbooks, copies and stationary that you will need to purchase for your child.

I have some of the books my child needs already. Can't I just rent the books I haven't got?

No. This would make the Scheme practically impossible to administer.

What should I do with used schoolbooks I already have?

You need to keep in mind that the books you are holding onto may no longer be included as part of the Book Rental Scheme. This year in particular, we are looking for *Bun go Barr Gaeilge textbook (3rd-6th)* and *Reading Zone English textbook (3rd-6th)* and we would be grateful if you would donate these to the school. They will be useful as supplementary textbooks next year.

What books are included in the fee?

All textbooks will be included in the fee. Workbooks, copies, stationery will not be included and will need to be purchased by the parents.

Who is administering the School Book Rental Scheme?

The SBRS is being organised by the school and a voluntary committee of parents.

What can I do to assist in the successful setup of the Scheme?

Prompt payment of fees; donate second hand books in particular certain books the school requests. Keep your child's books in good condition.

What are the advantages of SBRS for me?

Curriculum Change - The SBRS will absorb the cost of book changes in the curriculum.

When will the SRBS commence?

The SRBS will commence at the end of August 2015.

Will I label my child's books?

No. The books will be labelled with your child's name here in the school.

How will I know how many books my child will receive?

On payment of the fee in June you will receive a receipt outlining the details of your child's books for September. This collection of books and a list will be on their desk in September which they will take home to confirm the books they have received.

What happens to the books at the end of the school year?

All books must be returned in June to the class teacher where they will be checked and approved for the following year.

***Please Note**

It is our intention going forward to move away from a single English textbook in the senior classes and towards a more differentiated reading model. The school will be purchasing additional reading resources with a view to launching small group literacy instruction.