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Book Rental Scheme - Frequently Asked Questions

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 nine books that cost a significant amount of money new with the addition of several supplementary texts and novels. Book Rental fees are calculated accordingly.

Why must I pay a deposit?

Each pupil joining the Book Rental Scheme will be asked to pay a once off deposit of €15. 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 €15 deposit that you paid. You will not be allowed to re-join the Book Rental Scheme until the €15 deposit is repaid in full to the school. Your child will be refunded his/her deposit of €15 when he/she leaves St. Nessian's National School.

Do I have to take part in the Book Rental Scheme?

No. The Book Rental Scheme is completely voluntary and you may purchase core textbooks for your child yourself. However, a Book Rental Scheme works best when it has the support of the whole school community. We would also ask you to remember that the Book Rental Scheme provides lots of supplementary books for your child as well as his/her core textbooks. Therefore, a supplementary charge will be applied to anyone not in the Book Rental Scheme

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 administrate. However, if the textbooks you have are in excellent condition, we would be delighted to buy them from you. In this way, your child would retain the use of his/her own books for the year, benefit from the other books in the Book Rental Scheme and the school gets to keep your child's books at the end of the school year.

Should I hold onto books that my older child has so that my younger child can use them?

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 by the time your younger child reaches that class. Our best advice would be that you sell or donate them to the school.

What happens to the money I pay for Book Rental?

It is hoped that the Book Rental Scheme will become self-funding. All monies that are paid for Book Rental will go back into the purchase, maintenance and administration of textbooks and related materials for the pupils.

What happens if my child loses or damages a book?

In this case, we will ask that you replace the book at your own expense. If the book is not replaced, the school will purchase a new book using your €15 deposit and you will not be allowed to join the scheme the following year until the €15 deposit is repaid to the school.

What is meant by damage?

Books are considered damaged when they have been written on or marked with pen, pencil or colours, when they have been torn or when they have been damaged by food or drink items.

When do I return the books to the school?

All books must be returned to school before your child finishes for the summer break. You will not be allowed to re-join the Scheme until all books have been returned and checked.

I have textbooks at home. Should I donate them to the school?

We would be delighted to receive donations of textbooks as long as they are in excellent condition and not written into.