



## BALLINTUBBER BOOK RENTAL SCHEME

### **Book Rental Scheme Policy**

#### **Background**

Ballintubber National School Book Rental Scheme Committee was formed in January 2014, consisting of a group of volunteers from the parents.

This committee will provide a book rental scheme for the families of Ballintubber National School.

The book rental scheme will be included within the school's accounts. The accounts will be provided to the Board of Management each year and made available to parents for inspection.

#### **Scheme**

- ◆ This is a voluntary scheme and parents do not have to join up.
- ◆ Should a parent decide not to become a member of the scheme, they will receive the usual book list and will acquire all the books that their child will be using in the class themselves.
- ◆ Parents joining the scheme must complete the application form and return the form and the fee to the school by the middle of May.

## **Benefits**

- ◆ All schoolbooks that are part of the scheme will be provided to the children on the first day of the new school year.
- ◆ The scheme will reduce the amount of money spent by parents each year on books.
- ◆ All pupils will have access to a much wider range of textbooks, as the Book Rental Committee will purchase additional class texts over time.
- ◆ The back to school costs will be spread more evenly over the year

## **Costs**

- ◆ The book rental fee will be set each year by the Book Rental Scheme Committee. This will be a significantly cheaper figure than buying the school books that your child will require for the year.
- ◆ The rental fee will be charged in the May prior to the start of the new school year. This will allow enough time to purchase the textbooks and will have the effect of spreading the costs throughout the school year.
- ◆ Any parent experiencing financial difficulty with the fees may discuss an alternative arrangement with the school Principal.

## **Books**

- ◆ The committee will purchase or source the relevant textbooks each year.
- ◆ Books supplied under the scheme may be new or second hand at the discretion of the Principal.
- ◆ All books provided through the scheme will have protective covers.
- ◆ The books supplied under the scheme will remain at all times the property of the school. They will be subject to inspection at any time by a member of the teaching staff.

- ◆ If a book is lost, damaged or deemed unsuitable, then that book will have to be replaced by the parent who signed for the books and is a member of the Book Rental Scheme.
- ◆ As the scheme develops the committee will explore the options of extending the scheme to include workbooks and reference materials.
- ◆ Donations of textbooks of good quality would help greatly the implication of the Book Rental Scheme and would always be sincerely appreciated.