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Dear Parents,

For the 2025/26 school year, all pupils in primary schools in the Free Education Scheme will receive free schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks. These will be in place in time for the start of the new school year. This scheme is being implemented by Minister for Education, Helen McEntee TD in recognition of the cost of preparing children for the return to school. The cost of providing schoolbooks and core classroom resources will be borne by the State. The scheme will ensure equity of access, where all children enrolled in primary schools in the Free Education Scheme can commence the new school year in 2025/26 with the same schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks.

Funding for the scheme in 2025/26 is provided directly to primary schools by the Department of Education and schools must use these funds to purchase all schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for the start of the 2025/26 school year.

All schoolbooks will remain the property of the school so that they can be reused in future years. Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to children for the duration of the school year and they must be returned to the school at the end of the school year.

Parents are requested to remind their child/children to take care of their schoolbooks and keep them in good condition. It is not permitted to write on schoolbooks.

For the 2025/26 school year, parents will be required to purchase certain additional classroom resources. You will be issued with a list of those items separately.

Yours sincerely,

St. Joseph's N.S.