

**AHANE NATIONAL SCHOOL
BOOK RENTAL SCHEME**
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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Ahane National School's Book Rental Scheme?

The Ahane National School Book Rental Scheme means that the school will purchase all **textbooks** for pupils and parents pay a rental charge to the school each year for the use of these books.

Who owns the books?

The school remains the owner of the books at all times.

What is the cost and when do I have to pay?

The Book rental fee will be €10 per child (First and Second Class) and €35 per child (Third to Sixth Class) for the year. The scheme is not applicable to Junior and Senior Infants classes as there are no textbooks on their booklists.

The Book rental fee will be payable in May prior to the start of the school year in September. This is to allow enough time to purchase and cover all textbooks required for the new school year and is aimed at spreading costs for parents to avoid the big 'back to school' spend.

Is there a Rental Deposit?

Yes. There is a once-off €10 deposit payable for each child when they join the scheme. It will carry forward from year to year if all books are returned in good condition at the end of the school year.

This deposit will be used to replace any lost/damaged books should it become necessary. If part of the deposit has to be used to replace a lost/damaged book, the deposit must be restored to the full €10 immediately.

Where the deposit does not cover the full cost of replacing lost/damaged books parents/guardians will be required to pay the additional amount needed to replace the book.

Full compensation for lost/damaged books will be required before re-admission to the scheme.

The deposit will be refunded when your child leaves the Book rental scheme either voluntarily or when they leave Ahane National School.

Is it compulsory to join the Book Rental Scheme?

No. The scheme is voluntary.

What are the benefits of having a Book Rental Scheme?

There are many benefits for both parents and pupils:

- The scheme will reduce the amount of money spent by parents each year on textbooks.
- Parents no longer have to go through the hassle of purchasing and covering textbooks.
- As the school is buying in bulk, there will be significant discounts on the price.
- The 'back to school' costs for parents are spread more evenly throughout the year.
- As the scheme becomes more established pupils will have access to a much wider range of textbooks, as the school can purchase additional class texts.
- Teachers are not limited to covering all material in one book, but rather are free to choose the best and most appropriate material from a wide range of texts.

- With careful management the books can last for up to eight years.

Will the school be buying new books each year?

Books supplied under the scheme may be new or second hand. However,

- The school will need to replace sub-standard/damaged books each year.
- The school may purchase additional textbooks annually to provide a wider range of resources for our pupils.
- The school has researched a number of book covering options which help to extend the life of the textbooks.

How can I help to ensure the books are being kept to a decent standard?

Children are to be encouraged to look after the books during the year. Each child will be given a mesh folder which the books must be transported in at all times in school bags. Inspections of all books in the scheme will take place two/three times a year in conjunction with each class teacher.

Any pupil found to be abusing, defacing or disposing of rented books will be dismissed immediately from the scheme and will be required to supply their own textbooks.

Does the Book Rental Scheme include workbooks and stationery?

No. For 2021/2022 school year the Book Rental Scheme will not include workbooks and stationery.

How can I contact the Book Rental Team?

The Book Rental Team can be contacted at the following email address: bookrentalhanens@gmail.com