

St. Laurence's National School, Baldoyle – Book Rental /Purchase Scheme

Frequently asked questions

Q. What is the book rental /purchase scheme?

A. This is a self-funding scheme where parents /guardians can avail of either purchasing books or paying a much reduced cost to rent text books to a committee who will prepare your child's book list upon payment. Books such as workbooks and table books can be purchased when collecting your rented books saving you valuable time.

Q. How will it work?

A. Parent/guardians will receive a rental/purchase booklist. These should be filled out by you indicating the books you want to rent or purchase. After full payment is received and rental agreement form signed by parent/guardian, books will be distributed.

Q. Who is running the scheme?

A. The scheme is run on a voluntary basis by parents.

Q. Do I have to join?

A. No, the book rental /purchase scheme is voluntary.

Q. How much will I pay for rented books?

A. The rental charge will differ each year with significant savings as your child progresses through the school.

Q. When do I pay?

A. Notes will be sent home in April/ May explaining the dates when money will be collected by the book rental committee.

Q. Who owns the books?

A. All rented books will remain the property of the Book Rental Scheme any books purchased will remain your property.

Q. When do I get the books?

A. By the end of June all students will have their books.

Q. What condition will the books be in?

A. All books will be in good condition

Q. What do I do with the books I already have?

A. As long as they are in good condition and on the current booklist they can be bought by the book rental committee.

Q. What happens if books are lost /damaged?

A. We are not asking for deposits and expect books to be replaced as soon as possible.

Q. What happens if books are not replaced?

A. You will be unable to re-join the scheme the following year.

Q. Will I still get a book list?

A. Yes a book list will still be given in May.

Q. Can I rent workbooks?

A. No, but they are available to purchase through the scheme.

Q. What happens if the curriculum changes?

A. The book rental scheme will absorb the cost of any curriculum changes.

Q. When are rented books returned?

A. The Book Rental committee in conjunction with the teachers will arrange collection of all rented books.

Q. Can I opt out of the scheme?

A. If you opt out the books remain property of the book rental scheme and money will not be refunded.

Q. Is there a rental deposit?

A. No, but we are relying on the good will of parents /guardians to replace lost /damaged books ASAP.

Q. Do I have to rent all the books?

A. No, you can rent/purchase as many books as you need or want.

Q. Will I label the books when I get them with my child's name and details?

A. No, all books rented will be covered barcoded and labelled with the child's name and class.

Q. If the book rental committee are receiving a discount for buying large quantities of books is this discount passed onto the parents?

A. No, this is a self-funding scheme and the discount is the only way for us to recoup any money.

Q. Who is responsible for selecting the books?

A. The responsibility lies with the Principal and teaching staff.