

Free Books Scheme, 2011/2012 – explanatory letter

June 2011

Assistance towards the cost of school books in Loreto, Wexford – 2011/2012

Dear parents/guardians,

The DES guidelines defined the situations where genuine financial hardship may exist as being one or more of the following:

- Unemployment/short-term working
- Prolonged illness of a parent/guardian
- Large family size with inadequate means
- Single parent/guardian families
- Other family circumstances indicating financial hardship

Indications of inadequate financial means include the following:

- Families dependent on social welfare
- Families eligible for Family Income Supplement (FIS) or the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme

Entitlement to a medical card does not necessarily indicate eligibility.

In order to enable the school to allocate its 2011/2012 fund in the fairest way possible, I now request parents/guardians who fulfil the criteria above to complete the Application Form and to return it to me on or before 12.00 p.m. on Friday, 12 August 2011. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications may be posted to me in the school throughout the summer.

Given the sensitivity of this issue, I want to assure you that all applications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Yours faithfully,

Billy O' Shea,
Principal.