

# SCOIL PHÁDRAIG, CLAONADH, CO. CHILL DARA

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The Department of Education is continuing its funding of the cost of children's books and copies for the academic year 2025/2026. Please see the attached information sheet from the Department of Education. The Department of Education has allotted the cost of **€80.00** per pupil.

The €80.00 granted is not sufficient to cover all costs associated with back to school. The school will purchase the schoolbooks and copies for your son but please note that stationery is not included. **Parents will need to purchase the items of stationery which will be indicated on your son's booklist, in the bottom box on the page.**

We will send you a copy of the booklist for your son's class. The booklist in some classes will exceed the €80.00 as we have included the cost of books that we use for book rental, e.g. the cost of the Busy at Maths book from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class, which we operate as a book rental, is included. This is to help parents understand the cost of the book bills for schools.

Please note that all pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class require a pair of **over the head** headphones for some of our online programmes. Please see the attached link for the style of headphones the boys will require: <https://www.smythstoys.com/ie/en-ie/gaming-and-tech/headphones-earphones-and-earbuds/wired-headphones-and-earphones/c/SM06042804> Please ensure that the headphones are **clearly labelled** as they will be your son's headphones until 6<sup>th</sup> class. These headphones will not be returned to you at the end of the school year but rather, they will be given to your son's new teacher. Each class teacher will keep the headphones safe in the classroom for the duration of the school year. **If you purchased earphones last year, you do not need to purchase them again.**

The cost of Art & Craft, Photocopying and Insurance is also not included in the money from the Department of Education. In consultation with Scoil Bhríde, we have agreed a charge of €70.00 to cover the costs of these items. Unfortunately, we cannot absorb these costs. Schools have been hit by inflation also. This has been approved by the Board of Management of Scoil Phádraig.

We will set up a payment request on Aladdin so this €70.00 can be paid online.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Cathal Carr**

**(Principal and Secretary Board of Management)**