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## **Introduction**

This is the fourth **Educational Cost Survey** carried out by the Mallow office of South Munster Money Advice and Budgeting Service.

Rather than focusing on the cost of sending a child back to school in September this survey gives a full analysis of the **total** cost of the school year - small amounts do add up over the course of a year! In this survey the focus is on the cost per class for primary and secondary school pupils.

We invited 12 families to assist us with our survey. These families come from both urban and rural areas of North Cork and from different socio-economic backgrounds. The families were given spending cost diaries in June 2020 and asked to record **all** expenses relating to their children's **academic** as well as **social** education that was provided within the school.

This survey is unlike any of our other surveys as it was carried out for the school year 2020-2021 which was during the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Some education costs were reduced e.g., school activities and other costs were increased e.g. purchase of face-masks & sanitiser, upgrade of internet for home schooling and teaching aids. Lunch money and school lunches was different for each family, some families spent less while home schooling and some spent more as their child wasn't able to avail of their free lunch.

The parents we spoke to all found home schooling a challenge. Most have concerns that their children have fallen behind academically and socially due to the school closure because of Covid-19. They fear the negative consequences of it. Time will tell if this will result in extra costs in for example grinds or having a pupil repeat a year. We have included some comments highlighted by parents in the diaries relating to their expenditure.

It was a difficult year and because of that, a couple of our families were unable to complete the survey, you will see we do not have a Junior Cert or Leaving Cert class.

Our aim with this survey is to circulate it to all relevant bodies by highlighting the expense and hardship families experience in the hope that it might influence future social policy decisions and education action plans.



# JUNIOR INFANT EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

JUNIOR INFANT EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>STATIONERY</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>V CONTRIBUTION</u>
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
School books	65.00		65.00			
Stationery & copies	25.00			25.00		
	90.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
School voluntary fee	30.00					30.00
Runners	50.00	50.00				
School tracksuit	28.00	28.00				
Polo shirts	9.50	9.50				
Wash bag, towels & sanitiser	6.00				6.00	
School bag	16.00				16.00	
Lunch bag & drink bottle	10.00				10.00	
	149.50					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Runners	35.00	35.00				
	35.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Flash cards	10.00			10.00		
	10.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
	0.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Crayons marker & pritt stick	11.50			11.50		
Tracksuit	20.00	20.00				
	31.50					
<b>JUNE</b>						
Teacher gift	15.00				15.00	
SNA gift	10.00				10.00	
	25.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR:</b>	€341.00	€142.50	€65.00	€46.50	€57.00	€30.00

# SENIOR INFANT EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

SENIOR INFANT EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	TOTAL	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	BOOKS	STATIONERY	MISCELLANEOUS	V CONTRIBUTION
<b>JUNE</b>						
Jumper	14.00	14.00				
Shirt	13.00	13.00				
Trousers	13.50	13.50				
Tie	3.00	3.00				
School emblem	3.00	3.00				
School shoes	40.00	40.00				
Socks	11.00	11.00				
	97.50					
<b>JULY</b>						
Rain jacket	18.00	18.00				
Sport shoes	20.00	20.00				
	38.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Track suit	28.00	28.00				
Polo for track suit	8.00	8.00				
Lunch box	7.00				7.00	
School bag (2 parts)	70.00				70.00	
2 pencil cases	27.52			27.52		
Hard back copy	2.50			2.50		
Plastic zip A4 folder	3.50			3.50		
Display folder 40 pg	2.50			2.50		
Envelope file	1.50			1.50		
Books	65.25		65.25			
Art, photocopying & ins	30.00					30.00
Literacy lift off contribut	8.00				8.00	
Eraser sharpner crayons	25.00			25.00		
Hand towels (covid)	3.00				3.00	
Lunch	9.00				9.00	
	290.77					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Jacket	30.00	30.00				
Lunch	42.00				42.00	
	72.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Lunch	47.00				47.00	
	47.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Principal's retirement	5.00				5.00	
Lunch	44.00				44.00	
	49.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Shoe box appeal	5.00				5.00	
	5.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Shoes	43.00	43.00				
Lunch at home	48.00				48.00	
	91.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Lunch at home	50.00				50.00	
New glasses	80.00				80.00	
	130.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
T shirt	10.00	10.00				
Lunch	42.00				42.00	
	52.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
Lunch	38.00				38.00	
	38.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Track suit for next yr	38.00	38.00				
Shorts	6.00	6.00				
Lunch	50.00				50.00	
	94.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
Present for teacher	10.00				10.00	
Lunch	40.00				40.00	
	50.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR:</b>	<b>€1,054.27</b>	<b>€298.50</b>	<b>€65.25</b>	<b>€62.52</b>	<b>€598.00</b>	<b>€30.00</b>
Notes: Parent had to order and pay for tracksuit for next school year in May.						

FIRST CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>STATIONERY</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>V CONTRIBUTION</u>
<b>JUNE</b>						
Voluntary contribution	30.00					30.00
Photocopying	40.00			40.00		
Book rental	22.50		22.50			
Diaries	5.50			5.50		
	98.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
School bag (wheelie)	65.00				65.00	
Copies, bios etc.	20.00			20.00		
Uniform	58.00	58.00				
School books	101.84		101.84			
Covid bag (gel, masks, towels)	20.00				20.00	
	264.84					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Mathletics	9.00				9.00	
Pupil Insurance	9.00				9.00	
	18.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
Face masks	8.00	8.00				
New jumper	7.00	7.00				
	15.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>€395.84</b>	<b>€73.00</b>	<b>€124.34</b>	<b>€65.50</b>	<b>€103.00</b>	<b>€30.00</b>

Notes:

Uniform costs was for 2 each of sweatshirt, t-shirts, pants & shorts.

Due to Covid-19 school requested pupils use a wheelie bag and buy a small bag for hand gel & hand towels.

The wheelie bags are more expensive than would normally be purchased.

# FIRST CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

# SECOND CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

SECOND CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	TOTAL	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	BOOKS	STATIONERY	MISCELLANEOUS	V CONTRIBUTION
<b>JUNE</b>						
Jumper	16.00	16.00				
Shirt (3 pack)	17.50	17.50				
Trousers	17.50	17.50				
Tie	3.00	3.00				
School emblem	3.00	3.00				
School shoes	47.00	47.00				
Socks	11.00	11.00				
	115.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
Rain jacket	20.00	20.00				
Sport shoes	20.00	20.00				
	40.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Track suit	28.00	8.00				
Polo for tracksuit	8.00	8.00				
Lunch box	7.00				7.00	
School bag	70.00				70.00	
Pencil cases	27.52			27.52		
88 page copies	2.99			2.99		
Handwriting copy	2.50			2.50		
Hardback copy	2.50			2.50		
2 display folders	5.00			5.00		
2 folders	1.25			1.25		
Markers, pritt stick, pencils etc	22.00			22.00		
Art photocopying & insurance	30.00				30.00	
Book rental	15.00		15.00			
Books	119.50		119.50			
Hand towels (covid)	3.00				3.00	
Lunch	9.00				9.00	
	353.26					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Jacket	20.00	20.00				
Lunch	42.00				42.00	
	62.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Lunch	47.00				47.00	
	47.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Principal retirement	5.00				5.00	
Lunch	44.00				44.00	
	49.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Shoe box appeal	5.00				5.00	
	5.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Shoes	42.00	42.00				
Lunch at home	48.00				48.00	
	90.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Lunch	50.00				50.00	
	50.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
T-shirt	10.00				10.00	
Lunch	42.00				42.00	
	52.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
Lunch	38.00				38.00	
	38.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Shorts	6.00	6.00				
School tracksuit for next yr	38.00	38.00				
	44.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
Present for teacher	10.00				10.00	
Lunch	40.00				40.00	
	50.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>€995.26</b>	<b>€86.00</b>	<b>€134.50</b>	<b>€63.76</b>	<b>€500.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
Notes: School tracksuit is ordered & paid in May for the following school year.						

THIRD CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>STATIONERY</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>V CONTRIBUTION</u>
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
School books	108.00		108.00			
Copies & folder	15.00			15.00		
Stationery & pencil case	20.00			20.00		
	143.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Tracksuit pants	6.00	6.00				
School bag	16.00				16.00	
Lunch box & drinks bottle	10.00				10.00	
Book rental	15.00		15.00			
School contribution	39.00					39.00
Runners	50.00	50.00				
Shoes	14.00	14.00				
Socks	6.00	6.00				
Wash bag, towel, sanitiser	6.00				6.00	
	162.00					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Tights	4.50	4.50				
	4.50					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Boots	20.00	20.00				
Hand sanitiser	1.50				1.50	
	21.50					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Dictionary	12.90		12.90			
Clock	6.00				6.00	
Maths blocks	26.00				26.00	
	44.90					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
	0.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Pencils	1.99			1.99		
Tracksuit	20.00	20.00				
	21.99					
<b>JUNE</b>						
Teacher present x 2	30.00				30.00	
Classroom assistant present	10.00				10.00	
	40.00					
<b>TOTAL FOR YEAR</b>	<b>€437.89</b>	<b>€120.50</b>	<b>€135.90</b>	<b>€36.99</b>	<b>€105.50</b>	<b>€39.00</b>

**NOTES:** The maths blocks & clock were purchased to aid home schooling.

## THIRD CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

# FOURTH CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

FOURTH CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>STATIONERY</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>V CONTRIBUTION</u>
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Insurance	15.00				15.00	
Book rental scheme	70.00		70.00			
Arts & crafts	22.00				22.00	
Stationery	45.00			45.00		
Contribution	80.00					80.00
Activity camps	22.00				22.00	
Uniform	90.00	90.00				
School shoes	50.00	50.00				
	394.00					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Wi fi upgrade - online learning	100.00				100.00	
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	115.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
Wi fi extra costs	15.00				15.00	
	15.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR:</b>	<b>€629.00</b>	<b>€140.00</b>	<b>€70.00</b>	<b>€45.00</b>	<b>€294.00</b>	<b>€80.00</b>

**NOTES:** This pupil's parent had to upgrade their wi fi package to facilitate online classes.



## FIFTH CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

FIFTH CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>STATIONERY</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>V CONTRIBUTION</u>
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Uniform	57.00	57.00				
New shoes	55.00	55.00				
Books & stationery	55.00			55.00		
New bag with wheels	55.00			55.00		
	222.00					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Insurance	9.00				9.00	
	9.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
	0.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR:</b>	<b>€231.00</b>	<b>€112.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>	<b>€110.00</b>	<b>€9.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>

# SIXTH CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

SIXTH CLASS EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>STATIONERY</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>V CONTRIBUTION</u>
<b>JUNE</b>						
Photocopying	40.00			40.00		
Book rental	36.50		36.50			
Diary	5.50			5.50		
	82.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
School bag	20.00				20.00	
Copies, biros, pencils etc	20.00			20.00		
Uniform	65.00	65.00				
New books	22.00		22.00			
Covid bag	20.00				20.00	
	147.00					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Mathletics	9.00				9.00	
Pupil Insurance	9.00				9.00	
	18.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Masks	16.00	16.00				
New pants & jumper	38.00	38.00				
	54.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
Face masks	8.00	8.00				
	8.00	8.00				
	16.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
School tour	55.00				55.00	
	55.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR</b>	372.00	135.00	22.00	20.00	113.00	

Notes: Uniform costs was for 2 each of sweatshirt, t-shirts, pants & shorts.

FIRST YEAR EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	TOTAL	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	BOOKS	STATIONERY	MISCELLANEOUS	V CONTRIBUTION
<b>JUNE</b>						
Booking/registration fee	20.00				20.00	
Book rental	80.00		80.00			
Admin/locker/journal/insurance	80.00				80.00	
	180.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
Jumper	40.00	40.00				
Skirt	58.00	58.00				
Shirts	30.00	30.00				
Shoes	80.00	80.00				
Knee length black socks	15.00	15.00				
School bag	65.00	65.00				
iPad & cover	550.00				550.00	
iPad insurance (optional)	6.00				6.00	
	844.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Hard copies, pencil case etc	30.00			30.00		
Cloth masks	10.00	10.00				
Antibacterial wipes	2.50				2.50	
Hand gel sanitiser	3.00				3.00	
School logo PE shorts	15.00	15.00				
School logo PE top	20.00	20.00				
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
	86.50					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	46.00					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Non uniform day	2.00				2.00	
School jacket with logo	52.00	52.00				
Antibacterial wipes	2.50				2.50	
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
Cloth mask	5.00	5.00				
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	107.50					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	46.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
Lunch money for canteen	30.00				30.00	
	36.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
	6.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
	6.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
Cloth masks	10.00	10.00				
Antibacterial wipes	2.50				2.50	
Hand gel sanitiser	3.00				3.00	
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
	21.50					
<b>APRIL</b>						
School trip	15.00				15.00	
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
Lunch money for canteen	30.00				30.00	
	51.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Non uniform day	2.00				2.00	
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	48.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
iPad insurance	6.00				6.00	
	6.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>€1,484.50</b>	<b>€400.00</b>	<b>€80.00</b>	<b>€30.00</b>	<b>€974.50</b>	<b>€0.00</b>

# FIRST YEAR EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

# SECOND YEAR EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

SECOND YEAR EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</u></b>	<b><u>BOOKS</u></b>	<b><u>STATIONERY</u></b>	<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>	<b><u>V CONTRIBUTION</u></b>
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
School diary	10.00			10.00		
Book rental scheme	70.00		70.00			
Voluntary contribution	75.00					75.00
School shoes	90.00	90.00				
School pants (2 pk)	20.00	20.00				
School shirts (3 pk)	22.00	22.00				
Hand sanitiser & wipes	3.25				3.25	
	290.25					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Set square set	4.99			4.99		
Display folder & A4 maths	5.89			5.89		
Reusable face masks	10.00				10.00	
A4 hardbacks	3.43			3.43		
3pk hardbacks	4.90			4.90		
A4 hardbacks	5.97			5.97		
3 pencils for drawing	1.35			1.35		
Tracksuit top for PE	14.00	14.00				
Lunch money for canteen	63.00				63.00	
	113.53					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	51.00				51.00	
Non uniform day	2.00				2.00	
	53.00					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	60.00				60.00	
	60.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	46.00				46.00	
	46.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
	0.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	45.00				45.00	
	45.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	60.00				60.00	
	60.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>€667.78</b>	<b>€146.00</b>	<b>€70.00</b>	<b>€36.53</b>	<b>€340.25</b>	<b>€75.00</b>

**Notes:** School jumper is fine for another year.

Although no specific figure was given for the increase in electricity usage this parent noted that their bills had increased due to home schooling.



## TRANSITION YEAR EXPENSES 2020 -2021

	TOTAL	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	BOOKS	STATIONERY	MISCELLANEOUS	V CONTRIBUTION
<b>JUNE</b>						
Locker/admin/insurance etc	80.00				80.00	
	80.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
New trousers	22.00	22.00				
Shirts & socks	25.00	25.00				
Shoes	90.00	90.00				
	137.00					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
TY fee (down €130 due to C19)	350.00				350.00	
Cloth masks	10.00	10.00				
Antibac wipes	2.50				2.50	
Box of disposable masks	10.00				10.00	
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	412.50					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Non uniform day	2.00				2.00	
Antibac wipes	2.50				2.50	
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	44.50					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	40.00					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	30.00				30.00	
	30.00					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
	0.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
Cloth masks	10.00	10.00				
	10.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
Lunch money for canteen	30.00				30.00	
	30.00					
<b>MAY</b>						
Non uniform day	2.00				2.00	
TY half zip top (optional)	35.00	35.00				
Lunch money for canteen	40.00				40.00	
	77.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
	0.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>€861.00</b>	<b>€192.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>	<b>€669.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>

**NOTES:** The Student did not purchase a new school jumper as last years one is ok for another year. The TY top purchased in May was not a compulsory purchase. The TY fees were reduced from €480 to €350 this year as the Covid restrictions would reduce activities.

# FIFTH YEAR EXPENSES 2020 - 2021

FIFTH YEAR EXPENSES 2020 - 2021						
	TOTAL	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	BOOKS	STATIONERY	MISCELLANEOUS	V CONTRIBUTION
<b>JUNE</b>						
Trousers	20.00	20.00				
Shirts (2 pack)	22.00	22.00				
School jumper	45.00	45.00				
Tie	3.00	3.00				
Socks (2 packs)	32.00	32.00				
School shoes	70.00	70.00				
	192.00					
<b>JULY</b>						
Tracksuit pants (2 pairs)	70.00	70.00				
T-shirts (3)	24.00	24.00				
Runners	40.00	40.00				
Tracksuit hoodie	54.00	54.00				
Winter jacket	110.00	110.00				
	298.00					
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Voluntary contribution	75.00					75.00
Book scheme	70.00		70.00			
School diary	10.00		10.00			
School bag	45.00				45.00	
Stationery	15.00			15.00		
Masks (Covid 19)	20.00	20.00				
	235.00					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Stationery	3.00			3.00		
5 pencils	3.00			3.00		
Folder	3.45			3.45		
Notebooks (5)	18.00			18.00		
	27.45					
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
English books for assessment	16.41		16.41			
Thermal t-shirts (2)	30.00	30.00				
	46.41					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Stationery	15.43			15.43		
Silk mask (Covid)	24.00	24.00				
Wish foundation	2.00				2.00	
	41.43					
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Stationery	19.56			19.56		
	19.56					
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Mobile data - online classes	10.00				10.00	
Lunches (free when in school)	50.00				50.00	
	60.00					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Lunches	50.00				50.00	
New shoes	55.00	55.00				
	105.00					
<b>MARCH</b>						
Eye test & new lenses	70.00				70.00	
Lunches	50.00				50.00	
	120.00					
<b>APRIL</b>						
Stationery	19.86			19.86		
Printer paper	10.00			10.00		
	29.86					
<b>MAY</b>						
Book rental for next year	70.00		70.00			
School diary for next year	10.00		10.00			
	80.00					
<b>JUNE</b>						
School tracksuit for next yr	79.00	79.00				
	79.00					
<b>TOTALS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>€1,333.71</b>	<b>€698.00</b>	<b>€176.41</b>	<b>€107.30</b>	<b>€277.00</b>	<b>€75.00</b>
<b>NOTES:</b> The May and June expenditure totaling €159 is for the next school year. The request came out at the end of school year and can be paid over the summer. The parents in this case paid them as they were requested so as to spread the cost and to have the school tracksuit at the start of the school year.						

## **Financial Supports for Education**

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance helps families meet the costs of uniforms and footwear. The parent or guardian must be getting certain social welfare payments or taking part in training, employment or adult education schemes to qualify. Children must be aged between 4 and 17 on or before 30 September of the year you apply or aged between 18 and 22 on or before 30 September if still in second-level education. The rates increased in 2019 from €125 to €150 for 4-11 year olds and from €250 to €275 for 12-17 year olds, it is also paid to qualified children aged 18-22 in second level education.

Students who have medical cards are exempt from paying exam fees.

Credit Unions offer special interest rate student loans.

The importance of education is recognised by the St. Vincent de Paul Society who offer support to families who suffer financial hardship throughout the school year.

Some schools can offer assistance to families who struggle to provide the required schoolbooks etc.

Positive initiatives introduced over the past number of years include book rental schemes, affordable school uniforms in some retail outlets, removing the mandatory school crest on uniforms & provision of school breakfast clubs to name but a few.

Budget 2022 - We are glad to see that the Back to School Clothing & footwear rates will increase by €10 to €160 & €285 respectively and more households will qualify for the payment as the weekly income threshold for single parent household is now going to be the same as that of a two parent household. The Hot School Meals programme is being extended from January 2022.

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**Education gives people the knowledge and skills they require for life.**

We hope you find the survey results interesting and will assist you in your understanding of the **True Cost of Education.**



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