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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) offers financial assistance towards the cost of school books for families who are experiencing genuine financial hardship.

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

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

Indications of inadequate financial means include:

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

Entitlement to a medical card does not necessarily indicate eligibility.

Parents/Guardians can apply for the grant by completing the necessary application form and following the guidance and instructions outlined.

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

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Gallagher

Principal