



# Presentation College

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Dear Parents,

The Board of Management of our school is required on an annual basis to request the financial support of parents to meet the running costs of our school. This is in part due to the unequal funding the school receives from the Department of Education as we are a Voluntary Secondary School. This contribution from parents, the **School Charge**, is to help the Board meet the day-to-day costs of running the school and provide a high level of all-round education to our students.

Following a review of the School Charge process, and conscious of the financial pressures on families, it has been decided to **reduce** the overall **School Charge** to **€50 per child** in the school to a **maximum of €150 per family**. The Board greatly appreciates the co-operation of parents in paying the School Charge.

**Parents of Transition Year students should note that you have already paid €100 towards the School Charge in the form of the Transition Year Fee.** For those Transition Year students who have no sibling in the school, the extra €50 paid this year will go towards that student's School Charge for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

**Parents of students on the Book Purchase Assistance Scheme in Fifth Year have already paid the School Charge.**

It has been decided to direct each €50 received to the following school budgets as outlined below;

Printing / Photocopying	€10
Postage / Telephone / Text	€15
Extra-curricular Activities	€15
Student Insurance	<u>€10</u>
	€50

Parents should pay this School Charge using the Online Payments – Easy Payments Plus facility on the school website. Please ensure that you select the correct payment category – School Charge 2024/25 - to ensure accurate recording of payments. All payments will be receipted.

In cases of financial difficulty please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss payment options.

**It would be very much appreciated if payment for the School Charge could be received by Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Murray', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Ray Murray  
Secretary to the Board of Management