



RATHMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Principal: Dr Arthur Donnelly BSc, PhD, PGCE, PQH

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Dear Parent(s)

Rathmore continues to face challenges and pressures caused by the consistent and ongoing underfunding of schools.

For the last number of years the ongoing reduction in the grant received from the Department of Education has been significant and unfortunately does impact adversely on our ability to deliver the curriculum to the highest possible standards.

We have always been reluctant to ask parents to make any financial contribution towards curriculum costs, but without an uplift in the school budget we find it necessary to request some assistance with the costs associated with the delivery of practical subjects such as Science, Technology and Home Economics. These subjects account for over 50% of our curriculum budget for classroom equipment and resources.

I appreciate that this is unwelcome news and I realise that everyone is suffering from the current budget cuts and the cost of living crisis. However, I hope you understand the difficult position we are in as we endeavor to provide the best curriculum experience for the pupils of Rathmore.

We are asking that parents pay £60 for each child in Year 8 to help cover the cost of practical subjects. There will also be a payment of £25 required for swimming lessons (6 weeks) and a Junior Art pack also needs to be purchased at a cost of £20.

The payments will appear in the ParentPay system and will be set up as a payment item on your payment account. Please note that ParentPay accounts cannot be activated until early September 2025. Correspondence to confirm all the details will be sent to parents as soon as it is available.

Thank you for your support.

Regards.

Dr Arthur Donnelly
Principal