



RATHMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)

As we prepare to welcome your child to Rathmore Grammar School, I would like to take this opportunity to outline some important information regarding contributions towards practical subjects.

Rathmore Grammar School continues to face significant financial pressures as a result of ongoing reduction in the grant received from the Department of Education. Unfortunately, this has impacted our ability to fully cover the cost of delivering certain elements of the curriculum, particularly practical subjects.

Practical subjects such as Science, Technology and Home Economics require a high level of resources and account for a substantial proportion of the school's budget for classroom materials and equipment.

While we remain committed to keeping costs to a minimum for families, we are now in a position where we must request a contribution to support the delivery of these subjects.

For the 2026–2027 academic year, we are asking for the following payments:

- **£60** contribution towards practical subjects
- **£25** for swimming lessons (6-week programme)
- **£20** for a Junior Art pack

These items will be made available through the ParentPay system. Please note that ParentPay accounts will be activated in early September, and further communication will be issued with full details on how to access and make payments.

We fully appreciate that this represents an additional financial commitment and understand the pressures many families are currently facing. Your support is greatly valued and helps ensure that we can continue to provide a high-quality educational experience for all pupils.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Regards.

Dr Arthur Donnelly
Principal