



Advance Note

Booklists will be published at the close of the academic year.

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A text will alert parents and guardians to the publishing of booklists to the school website.

Following our experiences during the pandemic, our continued development of technology in teaching and learning, the weight of student school bags and cost implications for families, we in consultation with staff and our Parents' Council, are taking the following measures:

- All students will use A4 foolscap pads, ring binders and dividers for their classwork, homework, and study notes.
- Students will be guided in the use and maintenance of their work by their subject teachers.
- A complete ban on the use of hardback copies.
- Digital textbooks only for incoming first year students. The texts are from one publisher following negotiations to secure a competitive price for parents and guardians for the three-year cycle.
- We are currently proposing ebooks only for fifth year students, however at senior cycle several publishers are required, and a negotiated package is not open to us currently. A final decision on this matter will be published alongside the publication of the book lists.
- Exam Papers: The school will provide hard copies of exam papers to Junior Certificate students to reduce the cost to parents and guardians. These papers will be stored by the subject teacher in their classroom, when not in use. Senior cycle students will use the digital exam papers provided through www.examinations.ie
- Students from first year to sixth year will use their school iPad in class. Students granted an assistive technology accommodation will be allowed to use a laptop.
- We continue to use the Microsoft Platform. In order to promote organisational skills, homework and task tracking we intend to utilise the To Do app, in addition to our current Microsoft apps.
- Lockers will not return.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above.

Donabate Community College