



Information on iPads, School Transport, Uniform and Curriculum

**NAAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
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# Other Guests

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# iPad hardware and set up cost

- iPad Air 16Gb €389
- Set Up € 20
- Support €36
- Case €52
  
- Total €497



# Cost of Books

- Section A : English and Irish (1 Year Licence)  
€11 each
- Maths, History and Science (3 Year Licence)  
€24 each
- Total €94 ( delete Irish cost if applicable)

# Cost of Books (contd)

- Section B: Language, cost of book for any of the three languages is €24.
- Section C: Options. All books are on a three year licence. Each textbook is €24. Each student will take three options therefore the cost for the option books will be €72
- Final cost of books =  $(A+B+C) 94 + 24 + 72 = 190$

## Cost of iPad, case and books


- $€497 + €190 = €687$
- Less non-DEIS book grant €20
- Final Cost = €667



# Other Savings

The school will provide CSPE, SPHE and RE books, thus saving each family €72

Each student will get a Microsoft Office365 which will give them a free copy of Microsoft Office to install on a PC ( value €139)



# Ways to Pay?

- By cash or cheque to the school, in total or by installment
- Naas Credit Union Loan. Usual rate is 9.5%, the rate for this loan will be 6%
- €670 over 12 months will be €57.68 per month (cost of credit= €22.03)
- €670 over 24 months will be €29.71 per month (cost of credit= €42.76)



# When to pay?

- We ask that all parents would pay by the 19th of June 2015.
- The iPads will then be given to students after a training and set up day in the school. They should then have the iPads for the summer.
- There will be a subsequent training/information evening for parents to ensure that they are “up to speed” as well.

# School Transport

- <http://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=365>
- The above link has all of the information needed.
- The closing date was the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, but as we are meeting now, they are still taking applications in relation to this school. Please do not delay.

# Basic Transport Information

- Post Primary children are eligible for transport where they reside not less than 4.8 kms from and are attending their nearest education centre as determined by the Department/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language.
- You apply at this website:  
<https://schooltransport.buseireann.ie/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2F>
- The cost is €350 per post primary student (up to a maximum of €650 to a family). Free to medical card holders

# Curriculum Details

- There is a handout circulating that should give a clear idea of how the curriculum will look over the next three years.
- All classes are set up as 40 minute periods. There is an argument for 1 hour classes. I would rather research this further and get the input of all stakeholders before making any change to the current arrangement.
- Items to note are the computer class for all students as well as the two SPHE classes. This is to foster well being, physical fitness, nutrition and mental health awareness.

# Uniform

- The uniform will be available in Richie Whelan's Menswear, Naas. The shirt/blouse and trousers are generic and can be purchased at any shop. Please see [www.naascc.ie](http://www.naascc.ie) for details by the end of this week.
- I am currently finalising a PE uniform. Details on the website by next week.

# Class Names

- I propose to name the four classes as follows:
  - Oak
  - Ash
  - Yew
  - Birch
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- All of these trees have associations relevant to a school setting. Strength, Longevity and Renewal, Youthfulness and Healing and well being. One of them is regarded as a “kindly” wood to beat cattle .