To: The Management Authorities of Recognised Secondary, Community and Comprehensive Schools and the Chief Executive Officer of Vocational Education Committees

**Allocation to schools for books and programme grants**

The Minister for Education and Skills wishes to advise the Management Authorities of second level schools and the Chief Executive Officers of VECs of the arrangements regarding the payment of funding to be allocated to schools to provide assistance for books and programme grants.

This Department expects to make all payments in June 2011. The additional per capita funding to be provided is:

- Allocation to DEIS schools for books €39
- Allocation to non-DEIS schools for books €24
- Junior Certificate Schools Programme €60
- Transition Year Programme €95
- Leaving Certificate Applied Programme €151
- Physics and Chemistry €13

The Department of Education and Skills will be urging schools to put in place book rental schemes, as these are the most effective means of lowering costs for all parents.

All enquiries regarding this circular should be made to Schools Division Financial at cefinancial@education.gov.ie.

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