



CBS The Green Parental Contribution 2023/2024

€150 per student

As is the case in all voluntary secondary schools, CBS The Green requests financial support from the parents of its students on an annual basis. We are deeply indebted to our parents over many years for their support in this regard. This financial support assists us immensely in covering a range of services for our students as well as running the school on a day-to-day basis. Without this contribution, it would be impossible to provide the essential services that your son requires as part of his education. We receive inadequate funding from the Department of Education and Skills. Voluntary Secondary Schools receive significantly less funding than the Education and Training Board Sector (ETB) and Community Schools. Put simply, running the school without this parental contribution would not be possible.

Your contribution goes directly towards providing essential services to enhance your sons' educational experience in the school.

1. ESSENTIAL SERVICES

€150 to be paid by Friday, September 1st. We encourage parents to use the school app for this payment.

This payment covers the provision of the following items:

School journal

The school journal is an essential resource for students and parents. It is used to record homework and test results and is a necessary form of communication between school and home. Parents are asked to check and sign the journal on at least a weekly basis. Key policies are printed in the journal. The journal also contains some important information in relation to literacy and numeracy. It is a requirement that each student possesses a CBS The Green School Journal.

School App / Vs Ware/Texts

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Our School App is an instantaneous means of communication. It connects parents, students, teachers, and the wider community by allowing us to share information quickly and conveniently. The App alerts parents of up-and-coming events and news in our school. The app will enable parents to send absentee notes, permission to leave and late notes to the school office. When a student signs out of school for an appointment or signs into school on his return from an appointment, a notification is sent to the parent's phone to alert them of this. You will be notified via the app if your son is absent from school.

VShare is our Management Information System. Parents will have access to VShare to monitor their son's attendance and behaviour and to view his academic reports.

Text messaging through VShare is also sometimes used to communicate with parents.

Lockers

The provision of a locker is included in this contribution. Lockers reduce the burden of students carrying all their books around during the school day. It also can be used as a secure storage space for personal belongings. There is a significant cost to the school in the maintenance and repair of lockers. Students will be provided with a key. The school will not replace lost keys. Replacement keys must be purchased at Benner's Tralee. The key must be returned to the year head at the end of the school year. Failure to return a key could mean a student will not receive a locker the following school year.

Postage, Stationery & Photocopying

The costs associated with these are quite significant each year. Teachers provide handouts/class notes for their students. There is also a considerable cost involved in the maintenance of our photocopiers. Recent increases in the price of postage have meant an increase in costs associated with posting student/school information.

Insurance

The school takes out 24-hour personal insurance cover for every student in the school. This covers social, domestic and leisure activities, as well as school activities

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Your contribution goes towards the day-to-day costs involved in running the school. We provide other student services and amenities for our students to enhance their learning experience in the school. These services and amenities come at an additional cost to the school. Your contribution will be used to offset these costs.

Such services and amenities include:

- **Computer Licence Fees:** The school has a computer network which requires licencing. All students will be issued a Microsoft Office 365 licence, giving them access to the full suite of Microsoft Office applications, Teams OneNote, Word, Outlook etc. As part of this Office 365 licence, students can also download the applications onto their personal computers at home. It is intended that through their time in the school, all students will become computer literate and have access to computers to carry out project work as part of the curriculum in subjects. This particularly applies to Classroom Based Assessments associated with the New Junior Cycle. Your contribution covers the licence fees for all computers and the software licences.
- **Computers:** We are a progressive school focusing on 21st-century learning using Information Technology. We have a computer room, DCG room and laptops that your son will use throughout his time at The Green. Your contribution goes towards the management and maintenance of these devices.
- **Guest Speakers/Workshops:** Your contribution funds guest speakers and workshops for students that take place during the school year on varying topics of interest to students.
- **Year Book/Newsletters:** It funds a school yearbook and newsletters to keep our school community informed of our students' activities, achievements and successes.
- **Student Voice:** Student voice is important here at CBS The Green. Each year we have a representative body of our students who organise and carry out many activities during the school year. They also travel to many events to represent the school. Your contribution funds the running costs of the student council.

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- **Parents Council:** We have an active Parents' Council that organises various events for the school during the year. We encourage all parents to become involved in the council and are very appreciative of all parents who become involved. In recent years our Parents Council were instrumental in providing our school library, which requires ongoing funding to update and replenish stock.

We offer a reduced rate for families who have more than one son in the school:

Two sons: €150 + €100 = €250
Three sons or more: €340

We encourage all parents to pay this contribution. Parents who encounter difficulties can make arrangements with the Principal.

We are encouraging Parents/Guardians to make the payment through the shop section of the school app. Payment can also be made to the account's office in the school.

If paying by cheque, please make payable to:

Christian Brothers School St. Marys.

Payment may also be made in instalments through the school office, with full payment by September 1st.

Receipts will be issued for payments.

We sincerely thank all parents in advance for their contribution and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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