## St. Augustine's College Abbeyside • Dungarvan • Co. Waterford Dear Parent / Guardian,

Each year the Department of Education and Science allocates a grant to this school to enable us to give assistance towards the purchase of school textbooks for students in need.

The level of assistance available depends on the number of students eligible for support, the course being followed by the student and the level of the grant which the school receives.

The Department of Education and Science guidelines define a student in need as one from a family where there is:

- Genuine hardship because of unemployment / short time working
- Prolonged illness of a parent
- Large family size with inadequate means
- Single parent families
- Other family circumstances indicating financial hardship Indications of inadequate financial means include:
- Families dependent on social welfare
- Families eligible for Family Income Supplement (FIS) or the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme
- Families experiencing financial hardship because of particular circumstances Entitlement to a medical card does not necessarily indicate eligibility.

In order to enable the school to allocate the Book Grant in the fairest way possible, we request parents / guardians who fulfil the criteria above to complete the enclosed Application Form and return it to the school office on or before 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Given the sensitivity of this issue, we want to assure you that all applications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

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## **Grant Allocation for Students in Need 2023/2024**

I / We wish to apply for a book gran	nt towards th	e cost of textbooks for the school yea	r 2023/2024.
Parents' / Guardians' Name(s)			
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Son's / Daughter's Name(s)			
		Class	
		Class	
		Class	
Please tick √the reason for applicati	ion		
Hardship due to unemployment		Illness of parent / guardian	
Large family / Inadequate means		Single parent family	
Other circumstances of hardship			
Signed			

Please return this form to the school office by 07<sup>th</sup> June 2023