



20th April 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a school, we know how important it is to provide financial education to our students.

And so we are delighted to announce the introduction of our School Bank in association with Bank of Ireland.

Working with Bank of Ireland means we can deliver on our objective of financial education more effectively.

The **Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Secondary School Programme** has been developed to educate students about all things money, so that they have the skills and knowledge to make smart, well informed decisions about how they manage their money, now and in the future.

Part of the **Money Smarts Programme** includes the set up and operation of the School Bank by the students themselves. Our School Bank will be operated by five/Six of our very own students (aged 14+).

Working at all times with an experienced, designated representative from Bank of Ireland, the School Bank team will get hands on experience running the bank and work across a variety of roles from Branch Manager to Customer Service Agent.

During the week the School Bank is onsite in our school, eligible students will be able to open a bank account for themselves if they so wish. All that we require the Students to have is a clear picture of their Valid Passport and to be 14+ and older. During the process, they will learn how to operate their own bank account and pick up hints and tips on how to be a better saver. Each student will be issued with their own bank card and account number.

The experience is designed to be fun and educational both for the students who work as part of the School Bank Team and those who choose to use its services. We believe this is a positive initiative, but please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Karen Reynolds", written over a horizontal line.

Karen Reynolds
Drumshanbo Vocational School