

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to share some fantastic news about the progress of our new school building project at Franciscan College Gormanston.

Major Milestone Achieved:

Following the National Development Finance Agency's (NDFA) rigorous procurement process, I am thrilled to confirm that **BAM Building Ltd.** has been appointed as the contractor for our new school building.

Construction to Begin in October 2026!

We have received confirmation that construction is expected to commence on the school site in **early October 2026. Our understanding is that the final contract between the contractor BAM and the Department of Education and Youth will be signed in the first week of October 2026.** This marks the beginning of an exciting transformation that will reshape educational provision in our community for decades to come.

Our new building will:

- Accommodate 1,000 students in a modern, purpose-built learning environment
- Feature contemporary classrooms and specialist teaching spaces across all subject areas
- Include **six special class facilities** to support students with additional needs
- Incorporate sustainable design elements including mechanical ventilation with heat recovery, air source heat pump heating, and solar panels
- Provide state-of-the-art facilities that will transform teaching and learning opportunities

A Community Achievement:

This milestone reflects years of advocacy and dedication from our entire school community – students, staff, parents, Board of Management, and local representatives. Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this transformative journey together.

This is genuinely brilliant news for Franciscan College Gormanston and our wider community. I look forward to sharing further updates with you as construction progresses.

Kind regards,

Dermot Lavin

Principal

Franciscan College Gormanston