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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students,

As we come to the end of another busy school year, I would like to sincerely thank all of our students and their families for their support, cooperation and engagement throughout the year. Your continued partnership with the school is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in supporting student learning, wellbeing and school life generally.

We look forward to welcoming all returning students back to Coláiste Abbáin in August and to working together again during the 2026/27 academic year.

First Week Back / Return to School Arrangements

To support a smooth and organised return to school, the following arrangements will apply during the first week back:

Monday, 31st August: 1st Year and Meitheal Leaders 8.52 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st September 2026: 2nd and 3rd Years only 8.52 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 2nd September 2026: TY, LCA 1, LCA 2, 5th Year and 6th Year only 8.52 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd September 2026: All year groups attend 8.52 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Classes will run as normal and students should follow their timetable.

We ask that families take note of these arrangements and make the necessary preparations in advance to ensure a positive and settled start to the new school year.

School Calendar

The school calendar for the 2026/27 academic year, including important dates, holiday periods and school closures, is available on the school website. We encourage all

families to refer to the calendar regularly and to keep it for reference throughout the year ahead.

Tyro – Important Reminder

Please note that Coláiste Abbáin has now moved its school management system from VShare to **Tyro**, which is now our main school app and the central platform for communication and school administration.

Through the Tyro app, families can:

- Receive school communication and important updates
- Monitor attendance and attendance correspondence
- Access school reports and assessment results
- View behaviour and wellbeing updates
- Make payments, including school fees and other school-related charges

Tyro tutorials are available on the school website, and we encourage all families to ensure that they can access the app fully before the new school year begins. It is vital that the school has an up-to-date email address on file for all families, as this is essential for setting up and accessing your Tyro account.

Summer Reports

A reminder to parents/guardians that **Summer Reports are now live on Tyro**. Please note that **reports will no longer be posted home**. From now on, all reports can be easily accessed through the new app. If you do not currently have an email address on file with the school, or if your email address has changed, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that your details can be updated and access can be arranged.

School Uniform Requirements

The standard of uniform in Coláiste Abbáin is excellent, and this is supported by a fair and consistently implemented code of behaviour. Students are expected to attend in full school uniform from the beginning of the school year.

The school uniform is as follows:

- Caribbean blue jumper with crest

- White shirt (no polo shirts)
- Grey trousers for boys
- Grey trousers / skirt for girls
- School jacket only (Matt Mernagh Jacket or new O'Neills Jacket)
- Black shoes or all-black runners (with no logos)

Please note that school uniform is available from Jackie Green, Clonroche. Jackets must be purchased directly from Matt Mernagh, Enniscorthy or on the O'Neills website. No other jacket is permitted.

Link to O'Neills jacket: <https://tinyurl.com/5xdw967j>

We would appreciate the support of parents/guardians in ensuring that students return in full and correct uniform from the first day of term.

Medical Forms and Student Care Plans

If your child has a medical illness or condition, please ensure that the relevant medical care form is completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that the school is kept fully updated regarding any medical diagnosis, care plan or specific support need for a student.

This includes ensuring that the school has any necessary medication and medical supplies, such as EpiPens, diabetic medication or other prescribed supports, where required. If your child's medical needs change at any stage, it is important that the school is informed immediately so that we can continue to support your child safely and appropriately.

Medical forms are available at the following link: [Documents | Coláiste Abbáin](#)

School Fees Overview

School fees for the 2026/27 academic year will be paid through Tyro, and parents/guardians will receive notification through the app when the fee is live and ready for payment. Coláiste Abbáin relies on the support of families for the Student Contribution / School Fees. Despite the significantly higher operational costs associated with managing and maintaining a much larger school building, the school continues to operate within the constraints of the same budget allocation. This presents ongoing challenges in relation to heating, cleaning and general upkeep, all of which require additional resources not reflected in the current funding model.

The Student Fees help to cover costs including:

- ICT student devices such as Surface Pros, laptop suites and iPads/tablets
- Locker fee and maintenance of student lockers
- Subject-specific materials used in practical subjects such as Home Economics, Art, Engineering, Wood Technology and DCG
- Transition Year trips, workshops and activities
- Student personal accident insurance
- Buses to support extracurricular activities, class trips and classroom resources
- School communication and messaging costs
- General school maintenance

We understand that financial circumstances vary, and we are happy to discuss alternative arrangements where needed. Please do not hesitate to contact us in confidence.

Annual End of Year Parent Survey

As always, we value and greatly appreciate feedback from parents/guardians. We are continually reflecting on our practice and looking for ways to improve as a school community. If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to complete our Annual End of Year Parent Survey. Your feedback is important to us and helps to inform school planning and ongoing improvement.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey: [June 2026 Parent Survey – Fill out form](#)

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have already taken the time to respond.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Coláiste Abbáin throughout the year. We wish all of our students and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in August.

Yours sincerely,

John Nolan
Principal

Avril Buttle
Deputy Principal