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18<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**RE: Information for Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> year students for 2024 -2025**

Dear Parents/Guardians & Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> year students,

We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter to St. Farnan's Post Primary School on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2023 from 9am.**

**We are prioritising our incoming 1<sup>st</sup> year students and will spend 2 days at the start of the new term running our induction programme** with our new 1<sup>st</sup> Year students whereby they will get to know their tutors and Year Head, all our staff, our school procedures, the school building and each other.

**No other students will be in school on the Friday or Monday** so I'm sure our new students will enjoy and get to know each other in their tutor classes. **Please note 1<sup>st</sup> years will not be in school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of August.**

**VSWare**

Parents and guardians can access their child's profile on **VSWare**, our School's Management Information System whereby you will be able to see your child's **attendance, term reports and timetable.**

**We urge you to download the VSWare on your Smart Phone for ease of communication. All Absence requests and explanations are processed through this system now. VSWare also works on any computer and our log in page is accessed at: <https://stfarnans.app.vsware.ie/>**

**You will receive a text in the coming days with your username for VSWare, please use this to log into the app.** If you are unable to log into VSWare please contact the school office to arrange for assistance.

It is important to have your most up-to-date mobile number to our front office and another emergency mobile number if possible, as use of **SMS messaging** is necessary for communication with you. If you have not been receiving texts from school, this is a priority please.

**School Book Scheme and Payments**

**School books for each student in Junior Cycle will be fully from the Department of Education for September 2024.**

Each student will receive their books and also a locker and combination lock which will be handed out to students during their initial days in school.



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Parents still need to make payment for the following items.

- Locker
- 24 hour, 365 day pupil insurance
- Team Building Day
- Admin Fee (VSware sub, text messaging, postage & Student printing)

**The fee for 2024 -2025 is €140 (\*€120 with medical card concession)**

\*The medical card concession will be discounted through way2pay by our administration staff when a picture of valid medical card is sent to [info@stfanrans.ie](mailto:info@stfanrans.ie) or produced in person to the office. Please call to make sure office is open before travelling to the school.

**A sibling discount also applies on all payments.**

Please note: **Payment plans** are facilitated each year. To avail of a payment plan please phone school office on 045 868152 or email [skennedy@stfarnans.ie](mailto:skennedy@stfarnans.ie) and be assured all matters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and discretion.

Payment is made through way2pay and you should have received a text yesterday with a link to log into way2pay. Your password is your mobile number preceded by 353 (example 35387XXXXX)

**We are very thankful that parents/guardians consistently fund these amounts in full through our Way2Pay on-line payment system.**

**Payments can also be made in instalments through this system.**

**School Calendar for 2024 – 2025**

Times and dates for the start-up week are as above and will be texted to all parents/guardians in the days prior to returning at the end of August

**School Uniform**

We have engaged with O'Neills as our new PE uniform supplier. Savi Clothing ([schoolwear.ie](http://schoolwear.ie)) remains the supplier of all other uniform items.

Links to both websites are available here:

<https://www.schoolwear.ie/product-category/st-farnans-post-primary-prosperous/>

<https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/education/schools/st-farnans-post-primary-school.html>



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Please ensure that all students return in August with all necessary items of uniform in place and with appropriate hair styles and piercings that are in line with our latest school policies.

The Junior uniform is a **Maroon jumper with white shirt and grey trousers**. Girls also have the option of a **skirt** (shown below). We also have a crested fleece for students to wear over their jumper on a cold day. **ALL STUDENTS MUST STILL WEAR THE SCHOOL JUMPER. THE FLEECE IS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE.**



**Crested Jumper**

**Maroon for Juniors 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years**

**Black for Seniors -TY  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Years**



**St Farnan's  
Soft Padded  
Jacket**



**St Farnan's  
Shower Proof  
Jacket**

**School Jackets (CRESTED) from either O'Neills or Schoolwear.ie are the only Jackets/ Coats permitted on the school premises.**

**ALL ITEMS FOR SALE WITH THE SCHOOL CREST ON THE O'NEILLS SCHOOL WEBPAGE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS PE UNIFORM.**

**ALL ITEMS OF PE UNIFORM MUST HAVE THE SCHOOL CREST, INCLUDING BOTTOMS AND SHORTS.**



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### School Meals

**Rafter's School Meals** will be in situ again from the beginning of next term and will be in a position to provide breakfast, break time snack and a school lunch for all students for a minimal fee.

Andrew Purcell

Principal

Sarah Kennedy

Deputy Principal



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