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17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**RE: Information for Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students for the school year 2024/2025**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After a very busy final term including the completion of the Summer Assessments, the wonderful TY & 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation ceremonies, our End of Year Awards Ceremony, many fun-filled school tours, a blisteringly competitive and fun Sport Day with perfect weather and each day full of participation and achievement, it is now time to communicate our plans for the 2024-25 school year.

The State Examinations are finishing in the coming days and have run smoothly and I would like to complement our Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students on their excellent work ethic, support for each other and appropriate behaviour during the examinations.

**Return to School Arrangements:**

We look forward to welcoming back your son/daughter to St. Farnan's Post Primary School on the following dates:

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August (ONLY 1 <sup>st</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> in School)	1 <sup>st</sup> Years - Team building 6 <sup>th</sup> Years - Induction	9:00am to 1:15pm 9:30 to 12:00
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August (ONLY 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> in School)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Years - Induction 5 <sup>th</sup> Years - Induction	9:00 to 12:00 9:30 to 12:00
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August (ONLY 3 <sup>rd</sup> and TY in School)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Years - Induction Transition Year - Induction	9:00 to 12:00 9:30 to 12:00
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	All students in School until 1:15pm	9:00am to 1:15pm
Friday	All students in School	Normal Friday Timetable for all

PLEASE NOTE: BUS EIREANN SCHOOL TRANSPORT SCHEME MAY NOT OPERATE TO THIS TIMETABLE AND ALTERNATE ARRANGMENTS MUST BE PUT IN PLACE.

**VSWare**

**All 2024 Summer Reports for current 1st, 2nd, and 5th years are available on your VSWare**

It is important to remember to pass on 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.

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**.



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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. We do not accept notes in the journal relating to absences and this section is removed from the journal for September 2024.** If you are unable for some reason to use the facility on VsWare please contact the school office to arrange for assistance.

### School Book Scheme and Payments

**School books for each student in Junior Cycle will be fully from the Department of Education for September 2024.** Senior Cycle Books is will be partially funded by the grant that we receive annually from the Department of Education’s Book Rental Scheme which is successfully run by Ms Pamela Bracken.

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.

Parents still need to make payment for the following items.

Year Group	Amount	Purpose	Discount for Medical card*
2nd year	€140	Locker, 24hour 365 day pupil insurance, Team Building Day, Admin fee and Extra Curricular.	€120
3rd year:	€200	MOCKS, Locker, 24hour 365 day pupil insurance, Study Skills, Admin fee and Extra Curricular.	€175
Transition Year	€400	Programme of TY events, Journal and 24hour 365 day pupil insurance.	N/A
5th year	€225	BOOK RENTAL, Locker, 24hour 365 day pupil insurance, Team Building Day, Admin fee and School Journal.	€200
6th year	€200	MOCKS, EXAM PAPERS, Locker, 24hour 365 day pupil insurance, Study Skills and Admin fee and School Journal.	€175



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5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> LCA	€100	Programme of LCA Events, locker, school Journal and 24hour 365 day pupil insurance	€80
Moderate Learning unit	TBC	MLU schedule of activities	N/A

**\*The medical card concession** will be discounted through way2pay by our administration staff when a picture of valid medical card is sent to [info@stfarnans.ie](mailto:info@stfarnans.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, this will appear on your way2pay profile.**

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.

**We are very thankful that parents/guardians consistently fund these amounts in full through our Way2Pay on-line payment system.** A text will issue today and explanatory notes are available through this link to set yourself up in this pay system if you have not already done so <https://www.stfarnans.ie/news/new-online-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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### Subject Options

5<sup>th</sup> year Options have already be supplied but anyone who is seeking a change, please email [alittle@stfarnans.ie](mailto:alittle@stfarnans.ie) when the school opens on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and we will try our best to facilitate subject changes but cannot guarantee that a request to change options can be facilitated.

### 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.

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Principal

Sarah Kennedy

Deputy Principal



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