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**RE: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students of 2023/2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming back your son/daughter to St. Farnan's Post Primary School on the following dates:  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August: **2<sup>nd</sup> years:** 9am - 12pm only. **6<sup>th</sup> years:** 9.30am - 12pm only. No 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, TY or 5<sup>th</sup> years in school.  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August: **3<sup>rd</sup> years, Transition Years & 5<sup>th</sup> years:** 9am - 12pm only. No 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> years in school.  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August: **Full timetable up to lunchtime only. Students finish at 1.15pm**

After a very busy final term including the completion of the Summer Assessments, the wonderful TY & 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation ceremonies, the first ever End of Year Awards Ceremony, many fun-filled school tours, a blisteringly competitive and fun Sport Day and each day full of participation and achievement, it is now time to communicate our plans for the 2023-24 school year. The State Examinations have now concluded 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.

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 will be able to access their child's profile on **VShare**, our School's Management Information System whereby you will be able to see your child's attendance, punctuality, all school reports and behaviour issues going forward.

All Summer Reports for current 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, TY, and 5<sup>th</sup> year are available on your VShare student results tab. If you have any issues accessing this, please email [info@stfarnans.ie](mailto:info@stfarnans.ie) or phone the main office number.

**School books** for each student are partly funded by parents/guardians and the remainder is 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.

The **Annual Student Contribution payments** includes payments for all school books (it does not cover pencil cases, pens, copies etc.), our administration fee, 24 hour/365 day student insurance, student lockers & lock hire and includes our student journal also and is significantly less than many other local schools. We are very thankful that parents/guardians consistently fund these amounts in full through our Way2Pay on-line payment system. A text has already issued 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.

Contribution per year group:

2<sup>nd</sup> year: €200   3<sup>rd</sup> year: €200   Transition Year: €400   5<sup>th</sup> year: €225   6<sup>th</sup> year: €200

There are concessions for twins, medical card holders etc. Please email school if you have any particular queries. To avail of the medical card concession, you can email a photo of the medical card to [info@stfarnans.ie](mailto:info@stfarnans.ie) stating the name of the student/s and I will apply the discount on the pay system.



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- Provisional **School Calendar for 2023 – 2024** school year including times and dates for the start-up week will be posted as a link on our website and texted to all parents/guardians also.
- **Uniform Information** can be access by clicking on the School Uniform Supplier link:  
<https://www.schoolwear.ie/>  
Savi Clothing will be dispatching uniforms from 17th July 2023, if already ordered.  
**August 4th is the final date for placement of uniforms orders for this year.**  
Full uniform, PE tracksuit & school crested jacket (2 options available) or fleece are mandatory every day.

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.

- One ring on each hand and one small earring on each ear are permitted.
- No nose, lip or other piercing is allowed. No visible tattoos are permitted.
- Unusual coloured hair is not acceptable.
- Excessive 'Make up' will not be acceptable and students will be asked to remove it.
- Black shoes/black casual shoe-runner type shoes must be worn with uniform.
- PE uniform with runners must be worn on PE day only (unless otherwise specified; school tours etc.)
- School Jacket (light or new heavy)/School Fleece must be worn to school please. A rainproof jacket can be brought and used when waiting for bus but must not be worn in school. Can be stored in locker or bag.
- Every student and parent/guardian must sign the appropriate space near the front of the school journal to confirm their commitment to the school code of behaviour, uniform, School Counselling notes and other school policies and procedures during the first week when the student's receive their journal. The student's tutor will check the school journal every week.
- The School Calendar will be posted on our school website. Any further changes and updates will be notified by text message to parents/guardians throughout the year and added to the school website.
- 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.
- **Rafter's School Meals** will be in situ from the beginning of term and will be in a position to provide breakfast, break time snack and a school lunch for all students for a small fee. More information to follow in August. We are delighted to be in a position to offer this for our students for the next number of years.

**The school office is now closed to the public until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August.** Again, any urgent queries should be emailed to [info@stfarnans.ie](mailto:info@stfarnans.ie) and we will prioritize your query. Wishing you all an enjoyable summer and looking forward to greeting all students throughout the week of 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

*Andrew Purcell*

Principal



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