



4th August 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Thank you for all your patience and support over the 2019 -2020 academic year, in particular for your engagement with the “home school” learning experience. Thankfully, published last Monday was the government road map for reopening post primary schools. A link to this document is provided below for your information.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7acad-reopening-our-post-primary-schools/>

Together with KWETB, myself, Ms. Kennedy and the Senior Management Team in St Farnan's are at work implementing this roadmap and determining what it means for St Farnan's. There is no doubt we will all have to get used to some significant changes in how our school operates. With your co-operation and input, I hope we can make this transition to the new normal.

These changes will include a staggered return calendar, induction for all pupils and staff, base classrooms, staggered breaks, designated entry / exit points, hand hygiene protocols and the use of face coverings when necessary.

While it is not mandatory, we would advise families to consider the purchase of a laptop, should we need to transition to periods of blended learning during the academic year.

I would like to thank all who have engaged with the way2pay portal and have paid either Book rental, Administration or Programme fees. I would like to remind you, should you wish to avail of the medical card discount for book rental, please contact Ms. Kennedy @ skennedy@stfarnans.ie. Our uniform supplier Vinny, can be found online at www.schoolwear.ie.

We look forward to your ongoing support for what will be a challenging year for all our school community. We ask you to bear with us for now and further information will issue shortly through this channel. Please keep an eye on www.stfarnans.ie for further information.

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Yours sincerely,

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