



St. Farnan's Post Primary School



Presentation for New Admissions, October 2020



Our Mission Statement

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St. Farnan's is a school community which strives to be inclusive and caring. We aim to develop all students to reach their full potential, personally, academically and spiritually, so that they may enrich the school and wider community.



Personnel

Principal: Mr. Eddie Collins

Acting Deputy Principal: Mr. Cleary

Year Heads:

1st year: Ms. Bracken

TY/4th year: Ms. Flanagan

2nd year: Ms. Bradshaw

5th year: Mr. Cleary

3rd year: Ms. Bourke

6th year: Mr. Dockery

HSCL (Home School Community Liaison): Mr. Andrew Little

Guidance Counsellor: Ms. Cleary

Learning Support Coordinator: Ms. O' Donoghue

Moderate Classroom Coordinator: Ms. Considine

ASD Class Coordinator: Ms. Reilly



The School Day

Monday – Thursday: 9 classes

9.00am – 4.00pm.

Friday – 6 classes

9.00am – 1.20pm.



All classes are 40 minutes in duration



Lunchtime Arrangements

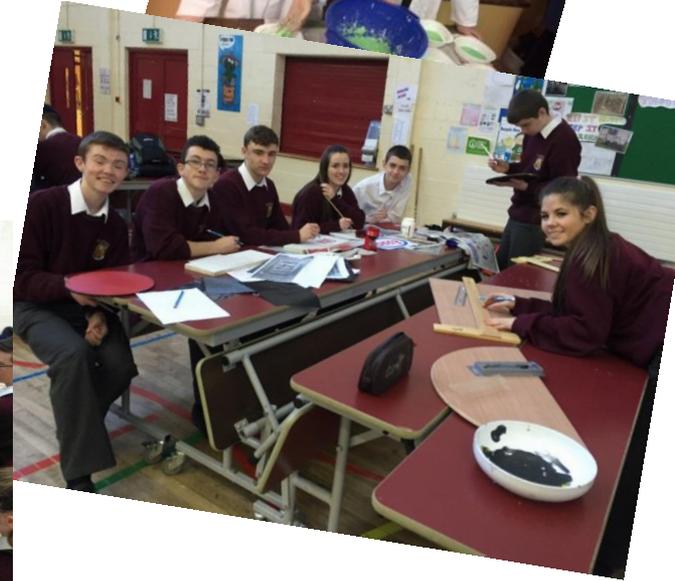
***Junior Students – 1st, 2nd & 3rd years –
are not allowed to leave the school premises***

***A school canteen offers healthy and good value
snacks, sandwiches/wraps/rolls, salads and
dinners that can be pre-ordered.***

The school operates a Healthy Eating Policy.



Life in St. Farnan's





Academic Excellence





Pastoral Care

Senior Management, Year Heads & Class Teachers
– *all teachers have a duty of care to their students*

Pastoral Care Team - ...*meet once a week, teachers concerned about a student can make a referral.*

Student Council – *all classes elect two representatives to liaise with staff on student issues.*



Vision for the Framework for Junior Cycle



- The Junior Cycle places students at the centre of the educational experience enabling them to actively participate in their communities and in society and to be resourceful and confident learners in all aspects and stages of their lives. -



Junior Cycle Framework

Core Subjects:

English
Gaeilge
Mathematics
History
Geography
Science
Religious Studies

Wellbeing:

Physical Education
SPHE
CSPE

Optional Subjects:

French
Spanish
Business Studies
Home Economics
Music
Art
Wood Technology
Technical Graphics



<https://ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle>



Student Engagement is Key





Transition Year





Transition Year

Transition Year (TY) is a one-year programme that forms the first year of a three-year senior cycle in many schools. It is designed to act as a bridge between the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate programmes. It is available to all second level schools and currently approximately 75% of schools offer the programme. Transition Year is optional for students in most schools and is an option for students in St. Farnan's.

It is strongly recommended that students consider taking part in TY in order to avail of the many opportunities it offers for their personal, social, academic development.



Senior Cycle Curriculum: TY (Optional), LCA, LCVP & LC



Core Subjects:

English
Gaeilge
Mathematics
Religious Studies

Wellbeing:

Physical Education
SPHE
CSPE

Optional Subjects:

Agricultural Science
Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Construction Studies
D.C.G.
French
Geography
History
Home Economics
LCVP
Music
Physics
Spanish



Extracurricular Activities



During a normal school year, St. Farnan's offers Afterschool study, a homework club, lunchtimes activities & clubs and a wide variety of extracurricular activities including GAA, Soccer, Basketball, Athletics, Equestrian etc.

The School also has a strong tradition in debating, public speaking, school competitions, musicals, educational trips both in Ireland and abroad etc.



Assessment Tests



We look forward to welcoming incoming 1st years to school for Assessment Tests which are usually held on a Saturday early in the New Year 2021.

- 2 hours maximum
- Aptitude Tests - which are used to identify their strengths and challenges



Admissions Policy

Our new Admissions Policy was ratified by our Board of Management in September 2020.

- Annual Admission Notice – published annually on the school’s website at least one week before the commencement of the admission process for the school year in question
- Application Form – published on the school’s website and also distributed to our feeder primary schools. The Application Form can also be obtained on request directly from the school office.



Who can apply?

Post-Primary students must be 12 years of age on the January 1st following the child's entry into 1st year. Students who are in 6th class in primary school or its recognised equivalent and, as a rule, will have completed a full course of primary education are eligible for admission.

The school shall admit each student seeking admission except where -

- a) the school is oversubscribed
- b) a parent of a student fails to confirm in writing that the code of behaviour is acceptable to him/her and that he/she will make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with this code by the student.



Acceptance of an offer of a place

In accepting an offer of admission from St. Farnan's Post Primary School, you must indicate:

- a) whether or not you have accepted an offer of admission for another school(s). If you have accepted such an offer, you must also provide details of the offer and
- b) whether or not you have applied for and are awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, you must provide details of the other school(s) concerned.

Applicants should be aware that failure to disclose this information on the acceptance of a place may lead to an offer being withdrawn by the school.



Other circumstances in which offers of a place may not be made or withdrawn

- it is established that information contained in the application is false or misleading
- an applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the school's annual admissions policy
- the parent of a student fails to confirm in writing that the school's code of behaviour is acceptable to him/her and that he/she will make all reasonable effort to ensure compliance with this code by the student
- where the admission of the applicant would pose a significant risk to the health and safety of the applicant or students and staff of the school or risk significantly interfering with the right of other students to an appropriate education



Sharing of Data with other schools

Applicants should be aware that Section 66(6) of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 allows a school to provide a patron or another Board of Management with a list of students in relation to whom-

- i. an application for admission to the school has been received,
- ii. an offer of admission to the school has been made, or
- iii. an offer of admission to the school has been accepted.

The list may include any or all of the following:

- i. the date on which an application for admission was received by the school
- ii. the date on which an offer of admission was made by the school
- iii. the date on which an offer of admission was accepted by an applicant
- iv. a student's personal details, including his or her name, address, date of birth and public service number (within the meaning of section 262 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005).



Reviews and Appeals

Section 5 of the Admissions Policy

Request will be reviewed by the school's Board of Management

Timeline within which such an appeal must be made and the other requirements applicable to such appeals are set out in the procedures determined by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29b of the Education Act 1998 which are published on the Department of Education and Skills' website.



Annual Admission Notice

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on October 1st 2020.
2. The school will cease accepting applications for admission on October 30th 2020.
3. Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by November 13th 2020.
4. Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by November 27th 2020.



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Thank you!

www.stfarnans.ie