



St. Farnan's Post Primary School,

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Summer Posting 2026

3rd July 2026

2nd year, 3rd year, Transition Year, 5th year & LCA1 & 6th year & LCA2 students,

Every Lesson Counts – theme of the year

Dear Parents & Guardians of 2nd to 6th year students,

After a vibrant and successful last Summer term in St. Farnan's PPS filled with in-house assessments, fantastic TY and 6th Year graduations, our annual End-of-Year Awards Ceremony, exciting school tours, and a blustery Sports Day, with, of course, lots of learning and teaching, we are now focused on preparing for 715 students in St. Farnan's PPS in the 2026 – 2027.

The State Examinations ran smoothly, and I want to commend our Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students for their dedication, positive attitude, and exemplary behaviour throughout. Thank you to the SEC and school staff that ran these exams so well, organised by Ms Roisin Murphy.



Communications

Please ensure the school has your most up-to-date mobile number, working email address and an emergency contact number. SMS & Tyro mail (through the Tyro app) is our primary method of communication. If you have not received any messages from our Tyro system, please contact the office urgently for monitoring of child's attendance, reports, punctuality etc.

Our school main phone line on 045868152 and school office email is monitored by Jenna, Nicolette & Elaine in our main office. Email: www.info@stfarnans.ie

If students need to contact home, this **MUST** only be done through the front office and not via their mobile phone or by text etc. If a parent/guardian needs to contact their child or a member of staff, this contact is to be made through the front office only. Year Heads, Tutors and Teachers will not always be available to meet immediately so if you require a meeting, please arrange by phoning the front office and this will be arranged.

Important Dates: Start-Up Week The full 2026–2027 School Calendar now available on our website

Date	Details
Thursday 27 th Aug	Only 1st years in school from 9am to 12pm.
Friday 28 th Aug	Only 3 rd years (9am - 11am) and 5 th years in school 10am -12 noon
Monday 31st Aug	Only 2 nd years ((9am - 11am), 6th years (9.30am - 11.30am) and Transition Year students (10am -12 noon) in school
Tuesday 1st Sept	Full timetable for all students.



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School Book Scheme, Student Journals & Annual Student Contribution fee

All schoolbooks are now fully funded through the government's Department of Education and Youth grants to schools. 1st, TY and 5th year students will receive all textbooks & copies ready to be collected during the first week of school. 2nd, 3rd and 6th year students will receive some new books that are needed and copies. All textbooks must be looked after and returned after students have completed using them at the end of the Junior Cycle/TY/Senior Cycle years. Any lost/damaged textbooks must be purchased by the individual/family and returned to school at the end of the *rental* period.

Students must have their own labelled school bags and labelled pen/pencil cases with them from the first day. All students must make a huge effort to maintain their locker in a neat and tidy fashion. Lockers **MUST** be locked at all stages throughout the day.

School Locker and combination locks will be also provided during the first few days of school. Our 5th Year Mentors and 6th Year Prefect Team can support any student in helping to organise lockers.

St. Farnan's also charge an **Annual Contribution Fee** which covers many other items outlined below.

- The 2nd year **Annual School Contribution fee** is €160.00
- The Transition Year fee is €400. Thank you to those who have already paid/paid deposit.
- The 5th year **Annual School Contribution fee** is €160.00
- The 3rd and 6th year **Annual School Contribution fee** is €100.00

Unfortunately, this does NOT include the price of the mock exams and corrections this year. Fees for this will be kept to a minimum but the costs of *mocks* have escalated hugely over the past years. Some schools in the area charge well in excess of €150 for the mock exam fee. We will keep our fee to €100 for all JC and LC students in February 2027. Further information will be posted in Term 1.

Please note that the State Examinations Commission Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate examinations fee is separate to the school contribution fee and was reintroduced by the Department of Education and Youth in 2026 for the first time post-Covid 19. The fee was €109 for 3rd years and €116 for 6th years paid directly to the SEC. Full medical card holders are exempt from this fee. More information in early Term 2.

What your student contribution goes towards:

- School Journals, School Lockers & Lock Hire
- Access to StudyClix, Athena Academic Tracker & resources for 3rd, 5th and 6th years
- School apps and communication platforms, IT platforms and software licenses, wifi and internet services etc. (Google Education Suite, Tyro MIS and Tyro mail, postage)
- 24/7 Student Insurance run by IPB (Irish Public Bodies) – 365 day a year student insurance
- Administration Fee to cover photocopying, printing, classroom and teaching materials



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- Extra-curricular contribution including bus trips (huge increase in costs again over the past year), referee's fees, affiliation fees, workshops, guest speakers, wellbeing programmes. For any extra-curricular trips we ask for a €2 fee to cover the huge increase in bus hire.

We are very grateful to all families who support this annual student contribution via our **Way2Pay online system**. Payments can be made in full or by instalments and we will work with families in this regard.

Concessions apply for sibling and medical card holders.

Full details and payment setup will be available on our website in the coming days.

An automatic Tyro text message & Tyro Mail message will remind you of payments throughout the year and new families to St. Farnan's PPS, our How to Guide will also be sent on and available on our website main page. School annual contribution payments must be made prior to any additional trips and tours/overnight trips being availed of by students (for example: Christmas Ice Skating, 5th year Italy trip, Gasice TY trip). Outstanding contributions will be sought over these summer months.

Student Mobile Phone Restriction Policy (part of Bí Cineálta Policy)

No matter what age your child is and what year they are going into, can you please make sure that you sit down with your young person and talk through this section of our school rules on mobile phones.

Mobile phones can only be used for educational purposes within the classroom under teacher guidance. Mobile phones **CANNOT** be used while waiting for school to start, at break or lunchtimes or at any time without permission in the school.

Please remember that it is illegal to photograph/video anyone else without their express permission and in the case of a school situation, the permission of the school. It is also illegal to share any photos/video footage or similar on any platform that you receive concerning anyone else without their express permission. Students - please be sensible and **THINK, BEFORE YOU CLICK/SHARE!**

At all other times in school, student's mobile phones need to be switched off fully. Mobile phones will not be allowed to be brought into the bathrooms at any stage - they must be left on the teacher's desk in the Mobile Phone baskets. At breaktimes, it is expressly forbidden to use mobile devices in any area and especially in the toilets on the premises. However, mobile phones (Revolut/wallet/bank card on phone) can be used to purchase food from Rafter's Canteen. Phones/devices must again be immediately switched off after using them to purchase food.

Every student in St. Farnan's PPS has a lockable locker with an individualised combination lock. Mobile phones should be locked away if not needed for educational purposes. All lockers **MUST** be kept locked and



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tidy. The school cannot assume responsibility for any items misplaced, lost or stolen such as phones, books, uniforms, bags, lunch boxes etc. It is the responsibility of each student to manage their belongings correctly. Any student interfering with another locker or any property not belonging to them will face serious sanctions.

Uniform Policy & Appearance Guidelines

Our school uniform is available from SAVI Clothing <https://www.schoolwear.ie> (Vincent Sammon) and our P.E. Uniform is available from O'Neills Sportswear on-line shop:

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

While there are 43 different branded school PE items available in O'Neills, a school *Academy* tee-shirt, half-zip and tracksuit bottoms (Academy, Cashel or Aston) are long-lasting and better value than some other models available. Savi clothing also has more waterproof coats (both light weight and heavier rain-proof), while O'Neill's have crested gilets and other crested padded jackets which are all acceptable.

No other jackets or coats are acceptable within the school building or on school trips.

- Full school uniform, including the school crested coat/jacket or fleece, must be worn daily. No other coats are to be worn in the school or school grounds
- PE tracksuit and runners may only be worn on PE days or specified events.
- Fully black shoes or black casual runner-style shoes must be worn.
- Only one ring per hand and one small earring per ear is permitted with maximum and one stud nose piercing allowed. No hoops allowed on grounds of H&S.
- Unnatural hair colours are not permitted.
- Excessive makeup will not be allowed; students may be asked to remove it.

If there is an immediate issue with a student's uniform, please contact the relevant Year Head and write a note with a short explanation into the journal so that the tutor can see it at tutorial time.

Students who do not follow our school rules on Uniform and Appearance will be asked to rectify issues immediately. Failure to do so and adhere to our uniform policy on an ongoing basis may result in a more serious disciplinary sanction. Parents/Guardian, please work with us on this issue and we will always give time to students to help them understand why we have rules and regulations.



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School Journal & Code of Behaviour

Students will again receive a **school journal** which must be with them at all times.

Please read and sign the **student/parent commitment** in the beginning of the journal and fill out your name on the front of the journal and your timetable (back of front cover) over the first week. During the first week of school, each student and their parent/guardian must read and sign the front section of the School Journal to confirm agreement with:

- **New School Code of Behaviour – please read through this policy and procedures with your child**
- Uniform Policy; Counselling Information; other Key Policies

If a school journal is lost throughout the year, a fee of €10 is charged for a new journal.

Please check your child's journal every evening and sign every night for the first number of weeks and thereafter, once a week. Year Heads will inform and remind parents & students of this. Tutors will check journals weekly and sign/stamp.

Subject Options

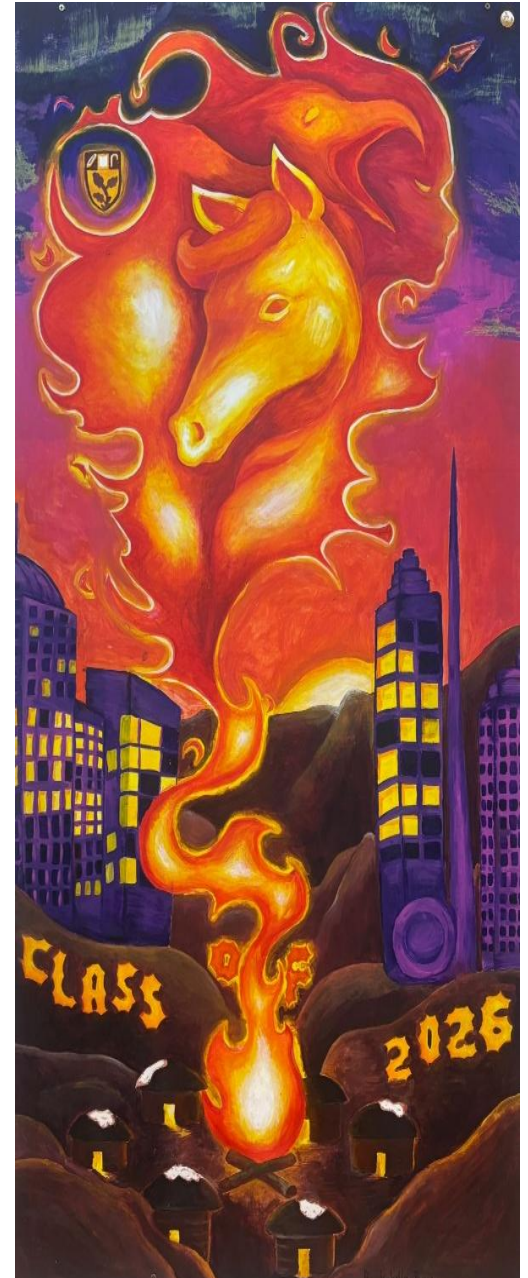
5th year subject options have been completed and nearly 90% of all students have received their top options currently.

Certain subject options still available in each of the 4 bands.

- Any change requests should be emailed to info@stfarnans.ie when the school fully reopens on Monday 17th August. While we will do our best to accommodate changes but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be possible.

Rafter's School Meals

- St. Farnan's PPS is funded* by the Department of Social Protection's *Local School Meals Project Scheme* and we collaborate with Rafter's School Meals (Picel Ltd.) to offer a free nutritious breakfast from 8am every day.
- Free water stations are available all day. Tea/Coffee is also available in the canteen at breakfast. Healthy juices are available at a heavily discounted rate also.



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- Break time healthy snacks are available for €1 and lunch time Hot Meals are available for all students at a cost of €2*. Pay by card (bank or Revolut card or by phone but put the phone away immediately after paying!) or pre-pay and book ahead and order lunch and skip the queues!

Office Opening Hours

The school office will remain open from 10:00am – 1:00pm until Friday 10th July and email queries will be answered until Friday 18th July. The School's main office will reopen on Monday 17th August 2025. For any urgent matters during the summer closure, please contact us at:



info@stfarnans.ie

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer.

We look forward to welcoming back all of all our fantastic students after their summer break.

Kind regards,

Andrew Purcell Principal & Sinéad Cassidy, Deputy Principal & Niamh Doyle, Deputy Principals



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