



20th August 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are all keeping well and that all our students are enjoying the last week of summer holidays!

As the start of the new academic year approaches, we would like to communicate some important information.

Return to School:

Please click [Calendar 2026/27 - St. Flannans College](#) to find return to school dates and times.

Students are required to please bring a pen and notebook on the first day.

Student not returning:

If your son/daughter is not returning to St. Flannan's College, please inform the school in writing or by e-mail as soon as possible.

Contact Details:

It is important that the school has up to date contact details for every student. Please inform us of any changes of address or telephone number particularly mobile phone numbers as this is critical in the event of an emergency or illness. Updated details should be sent by e-mail to info@stflannanscollege.ie

School App – Communication, Payments & Absenteeism

The school app is now the **main communication channel** and **administration platform** for parents/guardians. It provides a single point where all school news, information, and administrative tasks can be quickly and easily accessed via your phone.

Absences & Appointments:

If a student is absent, this **must be logged on the school app.**

- If a student has an appointment, it **must be logged on the school app.**
- Parents/guardians must **collect their child from the school office** and sign them out on the tablet.
- Students over 18 do not require a parent/guardian to sign out. However, parents/guardians must log the absence on the school App and students must sign out at the main office on the tablet.

Attendance:

Regular and punctual attendance is essential for students to learn effectively and feel part of the school community. Lateness can also disrupt learning for the student and others. To support good attendance, we send messages to parents/guardians when a student reaches 5, 10, 15 and 20 days of absence. This helps us identify concerns early and work with families to provide support and encourage improved attendance. If attendance continues to



be a concern, we may arrange a meeting with parents/guardians and, where appropriate, refer the matter to the Educational Welfare Officer after 20 days of absence.

Parents/Guardians of late students must **submit the late/absence on the school app**.

- Students must **sign in on the tablet in the school office**, otherwise they will be recorded as absent.

School Uniform

The school uniform is a compulsory requirement at St. Flannan's College. Students must wear the full school uniform at all times. Please note that **white runners/converse shoes are not permitted**, nor are **grey jeans, tracksuit pants, or leggings**.

Uniforms are available from:

Pyne's, Abbey Street, Ennis

Manix Menswear, Market Street, Ennis

Students are expected to be well-groomed, with neat, clean, and tidy hair. Facial piercings are strictly not permitted.

School Jackets are available from:

- **Central Sports**, Kilrush
- **Boru Sports, Tobarteascain Ennis**

The School Jacket is the only jacket allowed to be worn inside the school building.

Student Photography:

Photographs of student participation in school events may be published on our School App, the school newsletter, school website, official social media accounts or local papers. If you do not wish for such photographs of your child to be published, please update the school App under "My Student" feature

Medication:

For parents/Guardians who arrange to have any type of medication held in the school for their child, we wish to clarify that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and not the school to ensure that the medication and instructions are always in date. For students over eighteen who are responsible for their own medication and wish to have medication held in the school the same responsibility applies. Please update the school App with any relevant medical information under "My Student"

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School Diary/Books:

A school homework diary will be distributed to all students on the first day of term. Books/copies will be provided for by the school on the students return. (1st Year book Collection Tuesday 25th August 9am – 1pm)

Mobile Phones: We would like to thank our parents/guardians and students for their support in making the introduction of the phone pouches last year such a huge success.

As we begin the new school year, students are reminded to bring their phone pouch with them on their first day back. Please note that replacement pouches cost €20.

If a student has decided to leave their mobile phone at home for the foreseeable future, their parent/guardian must email the relevant Year Head to inform them of this decision. The student will then be issued with a pass, which they must present during pouch checks.

Deputy Principals & Year Heads: 2026/27

Donal Cahir: Principal			
Deputy Principals:			
Mike Donnellan	1st & 2nd Year		
Grainne Lynch	3rd & TY		
Gary Brennan	5th & 6th Year		
Year Heads - 2026-2027			Extension Number
1st year	James O Connor	1A -1E	216
	Brendan Bugler	1F - 1I	126
2nd Year	Fionnuala Kelly	2A -2E	217
	Statia Knowles	2F -2I	212
3rd Year	Olivia Durcan	3A - 3E	211
	Gary Brennan	3f - 3J	210
TY	John O'Connor		213
5th Year	Emer Murphy	5A-5C	112
	Grainne Noonan	5D-5H	107
6th Year	Kieran Sweeney	6A-6E	103
	Eoin Curtin	6F - 6H	113

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school and we would like to thank you all for your continued support.