



ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2026-27 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026-2027 school year is available as follows: –

To download at: www.ballymakennycollege.ie/enrolment

On request: By emailing (info@ballymakennycollege.ie) or writing to : [Ballymakenny College, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 XET2

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to First Year 2026

The following are the dates applicable for admission to First Year 2026

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	Wednesday, 1 st October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 @ 5pm
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Tuesday , 4th November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	Tuesday, 18th November 2025

Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Special Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Special Class which caters for children with a definite diagnosis of Autism meeting DSM IV/V or ICD 10 diagnostic criteria and a recommendation that they may require the support of a special class.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	Wednesday, 1st October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 @ 5pm
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	Tuesday, 4th November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	Tuesday, 18th November 2025

Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn

Number of places being made available in First Year 2026

The number of places being made available in first year is:	180
The number of places being made available in the special class* catering for children with a definite diagnosis of Autism meeting DSM IV/V or ICD 10 diagnostic criteria is:	1

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025 school year

In respect of the 2025 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 430.

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for First Year 2025 & ASD Special Class for the 2025 school year
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Breakdown of places allocated for First Year 2025/26 school year:	
Number of places available:	180
Number of applications received:	478
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	Criterion One: Applicants with siblings attending the school – 77 places offered, 69 places accepted. Criterion Two: All other applicants – 149 places offered, 111 places accepted.
Total number of offers made	226
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	22

Breakdown of places allocated for the ASD Special Class 2025 school year:	
Number of places available:	5
Number of applications received:	28
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	Criterion One: Applicants with siblings attending the school –6 Offered, 5 Accepted. Criterion Two: All other applicants – 2 places offered, 1 place accepted.
Total number of offers made	8
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	1

Other Year Groups Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026-27

The following are the dates applicable for admission to other year groups 2nd to 6th year

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission to other year groups on	Friday 1st May 2026
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to other year groups on	Friday 22 nd May 2026 at NOON
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Friday 12th June 2026
4. The date by which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	Monday 22nd June 2026 at NOON

Capacity of Other Year Groups and Programmes

Admission to years other than First Year (including programmes such as Transition Year, LCA, LCVP) is subject to the availability of places within Board-approved capacity limits. The maximum capacity of each year group and programme is determined annually by the Board of Management, taking account of accommodation, staffing and curricular requirements. Where the relevant year group or programme is at or above capacity, no further admissions will be granted.

Note: applications made after the 22nd May 2026 will be processed as late applications. The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.