



Special School for Children with Autism and Complex Needs

**ABACAS Special School, Kilnamanagh
ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**

**in respect of admissions to the 2023/2024 school year
Admission Policy and Application Form**

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2023/2024 is available as follows: –

To download at: www.abacasspecialschool.ie

On request: By emailing abacasspecialschool@gmail.com or writing to:

ABACAS Special School, Treepark Rd., Kilnamanagh, Dublin D24 A2XF

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2023/2024 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2023/2024 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to our school (all classes, all ages):

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	Monday 14th November 2022 @ 9am
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Friday 13th January 2023 @ 3.00pm
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Wednesday 1st February 2023
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	Friday 10th February 2023

Applications must be submitted in hard copy to the address above and must include:

1. A completed Application Form for Admission
2. A recent documented and confirmed diagnosis of ASD (photocopy will suffice).
3. A written recommendation from a certified psychologist for an **ASD-specific education in a special school** or a letter from the principal of the special school the child is currently attending confirming that the child is a pupil at that school.
4. In the case of past pupils of an ASD class in St. Kevin's BNS, a written recommendation from a **NEPS psychologist** for an **ASD-specific education in a special school** (photocopy will suffice).

Late Applications: In accordance with the school's Admission Policy, the school will not consider late applications. Nor will the school accept incomplete applications that do not include the documents outlined above.

Data Protection: As per our data protection policy, all applications will be retained for the duration of the school year (i.e. until end of June 2024), at which point they will be destroyed.

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**



Number of places being made available in 2023/2024

The number of places being made available in our school is	4
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PART 2 - Admissions to the 2022/2023 school year

In respect of the 2022/2023 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was:

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2022/2023 school year:	
Number of places available:	2
Number of applications received:	41
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria:	Category A: 0 Category B: 0 Category C: 2
Total number of offers made	3 (1 offer declined)
Number of names placed on the over subscription list for the school year concerned.	38

Category A: Applicants who met selection criterion a) The child is a sibling of a child currently enrolled in the school.

Category B: Applicants who met selection criterion b) The child is a past pupil of an ASD class in St. Kevin's Boys' School Kilnamanagh.

Category C: All remaining applicants (entered into lottery).