



Special School for Children with Autism and Complex Needs

ABACAS Special School, Kilnamanagh

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2024/2025 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2024/2025 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 2024/2025 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2024/2025 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	Friday 17th November 2023 @ 9am
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Friday 12th January 2024 @ 3pm
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Wednesday 7th February 2024
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	Friday 16th February 2024

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

1. A **completed** Application Form for Admission
2. a copy of the original documented and confirmed diagnosis of ASD.
3. a **recent** written recommendation from a certified psychologist or an assessment from a multidisciplinary team (including a clinical psychologist/educational psychologist) outlining that an **ASD-specific education in a special school is required** (photocopy will suffice).

If the child is already attending a special school, a letter from the Principal of the child's school confirming that the child is a pupil at that school will suffice.

Note: 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 2025), 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***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**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 2024/2025

The number of places being made available in our school is	1
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PART 2 - Admissions to the 2023/2024 school year

In respect of the 2023/2024 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was: **57**

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2023/2024 school year:	
Number of places available:	4
Number of applications received:	57
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria:	Category A: 1 Category B: 2 Category C: 54
Total number of offers made	4
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	53

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).