



Special School for Children with Autism and Complex Needs

**ABACAS Special School, Kilnamanagh**

**ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**

**in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 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 is available as follows:

- To download at: [www.abacasspecialschool.ie](http://www.abacasspecialschool.ie)

- On request: By emailing [abacasspecialschool@gmail.com](mailto:abacasspecialschool@gmail.com) or writing to:

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

**PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year**

**Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026/2027 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	<b>26<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 @9am</b>
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of March @3pm</b>
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2026</b>
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	<b>13<sup>th</sup> of April 2026</b>

Applications must be submitted **by post** 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 **Autism specific special school is required** (photocopy will suffice).
4. Special School, Eligibility letter from the NCSE

**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 2027), at which point they will be destroyed.

**\*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**



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### Number of places being made available in 2026/2027

The number of places being made available in our class for 5-8 years catering for children with Autism and Complex needs is	0
The number of places being made available in our class for 8-12 years catering for children with Autism and Complex needs is	0
The number of places being made available in our class for 12-15 years catering for children with Autism and Complex needs is	0
The number of places being made available in our class for 15-18 years catering for children with Autism and Complex needs is	0

### PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 school year

In respect of the 2025/2026 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was: **112**

<b>Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:</b>	
Number of places available:	<b>1</b>
Number of applications received:	<b>112</b>
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria:	<b>Category A: 0 Category B: 1</b>
Total number of offers made	<b>1</b>
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	<b>56</b>

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

**Category B:** All remaining applicants (entered into lottery).