

ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admission to the 2025/2026 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2025/2026 is available as follows: – online from:

<https://www.ashcom.ie/admissions>

On request: By emailing pmoriarty@ashcom.ie

Writing to: The Principal, Ashbourne Community School, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.

PART 1 - Admission to the 2025/2026 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2025/2026 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to 1st Year

The school will commence accepting applications in the school office from	Tuesday 1st October, 2024 @ 12 noon
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 @ 12 noon
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Monday, 11th November, 2024.
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	10 calendar days from the date of the letter of offer

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the School's Admission Policy.

Number of places being made available in 1st Year 2025/2026

The number of places being made available in 1 st Year	178
Number of places already allocated in 1st Year Group:	0
The number of places being made available in the Special Class catering for children who have been assessed with a primary diagnosis of Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorder in line with established DES criteria is	2*
Subject to sanction by the Board of Management and pending appropriate facilities being put in place by the Department of Education.	

PART 2 – Historical Data re Admission to the 2024/2025 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for 1st Year for the 2024/2025 school year	
Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/2025 school year:	
Number of places available:	174 6 x Special Class 180
Number of applications received by closing date	318
Number of Offers made under each criteria:	
Criteria 1 (Sibling of past/present student)	119 received and offered a place in Round 1 of which 114 accepted
Criteria 2 (son/daughter of current day school staff)	1 received, offered place in Round 1 and accepted.
Criteria 3 Local (Ashbourne) Feeder National School and living in catchment area	138 applications received which were subject to lottery and of which 60 places were offered in Round 1 with the balance of 78 put on the waiting list. 64 of the 78 were offered in later rounds and accepted offer. The balance refused offer.
Criteria 4: Non Local Feeder National School and living in catchment area	12 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. In subsequent rounds, 3 refused offer, with 9 remaining on list. 1 applicant accepted offer in September 2024.
Criteria 5: Not attending any feeder National School but residing within catchment area	10 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. No offers were made to this group.
Criteria 6 : Attending a Feeder National School but living outside catchment area	30 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 19 applicants accepted offer. No offers were made to this group.
Criteria 7 : Any other applicant	8 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 2 applicants accepted offer. No offers were made to this group
Special Class	6 applications received before deadline 4 x offers were made in adherence with the Admissions Policy and in consultation with the SENO.
<p>As per the Admission Policy, offers were subsequently made in accordance with the waiting list. By the 23rd May, 2024, we had reached our capacity of 180 students. There were initially 9 late applications added to the original waiting list. A further 6 Late applications were added to the list throughout the year.</p>	
Total number of offers made	243 offers made to date
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	138 (at Round 1 offer stage) on the 13th November, 2023 The waiting list currently stands at 23

