

ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admission 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 from: <https://www.ashcom.ie/admissions>

On request: By emailing cstewart@ashcom.ie

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

PART 1 - Admission 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 1st Year

The school will commence accepting applications in the school office from	Monday 2nd October, 2023 @ 12 noon
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Monday, 23rd October, 2023 @ 12 noon
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Monday, 13th November, 2023.
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 2024/2025

The number of places being made available in 1 st Year	174
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	6*
Subject to sanction by the Board of Management and pending appropriate facilities being put in place by the Department of Education.	

PART 2 - Admission to the 2023/2024 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for 1st Year for the 2023/2024 school year	
Breakdown of places allocated for the 2023/2024 school year:	
Number of places available:	204 6 x Special Class 210 in total
Number of applications received by closing date	307
Number of Offers made under each criteria:	
Criteria 1 (Sibling of past/present student)	103 received and offered a place in Round 1 of which 97 accepted
Criteria 2 (son/daughter of current day school staff)	1 received and offered a place in Round 1
Criteria 3 Local Feeder National School and living in catchment area	120 applications received which were subject to lottery and of which 100 places were offered with the balance of 20 put on the waiting list. 56 applicants accepted offer.
Criteria 4: Non Local Feeder National School and living in catchment area	15 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 12 applicants accepted offer.
Criteria 5: Not attending any feeder National School but residing within catchment area	12 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 10 applicants accepted offer. 10 applicants accepted offer.
Criteria 6 : Attending a Feeder National School but living outside catchment area	43 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 19 applicants accepted offer.
Criteria 7 : Any other applicant	10 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 2 applicants accepted offer.
Special Class Criteria 1	1 x offer in Round 1
As per the Admission Policy, offers were subsequently made in accordance with the waiting list. All applicants in Criteria 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were offered a place. By the 26th January, 2023, all applications on the waiting list had been offered a place. There were initially 7 late applications added to the original waiting list. On the 14th February, 2023, the waiting list was exhausted.	
Total number of offers made	314 offers made
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	100 (at Round 1) on the 11th November, 2022 No applicants on waiting list for 1st Year 2023-24 currently.