

ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admission 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: –

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 2026/2027 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026/2027 school year: _

The school will commence accepting applications in the school office from	Wednesday, 1st October, 2025.
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Noon on Wednesday ,22nd October, 2025.
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Tuesday, 11th November, 2025.
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	10 days after the date 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 2026/2027

The number of places being made available in 1 st Year	209
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	1*

Ashbourne Community School will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council. Ashbourne Community School will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

PART 2 – Historical Data re Admission to the 2025/2026 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for 1 st Year for the 2025/2026 school year	
Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:	
Number of places available:	178 2 x Special Class 180 in total
Number of applications received by closing date	341 in mainstream 13 applications for Special Class
Number of Offers made under each criteria:	
Criteria 1 (Sibling of past/present student)	112 received and offered a place in Round 1 of which 100 accepted (2 of which were offered Special Class enrolment)
Criteria 2 (son/daughter of current day school staff)	1 received, offered place and accepted in Round 1.
Criteria 3 Local (Ashbourne) Feeder National School and living in catchment area	123 applications received which were subject to lottery. 65 places were offered in Round 1 with the balance of 58 placed on the waiting list. All applicants in Criteria 3 eventually received an offer. 62 of the 123 accepted.
Criteria 4: Non Local Feeder National School and living in catchment area	29 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. In subsequent rounds, 10 accepted their offer with 19 refusing offer as they had secured placement elsewhere.
Criteria 5: Not attending any feeder National School but residing within catchment area	13 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 3 applicants accepted offer towards the end of the academic year. All other applicants secured placement elsewhere.
Criteria 6 : Attending a Feeder National School but living outside catchment area	41 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. 4 applicants accepted offer. 9 remain on the waiting list in July 2025.
Criteria 7 : Any other applicant	23 applications received which were placed on waiting list via lottery process. <u>No offers have been made to this group.</u> 7 remain on waiting list in July 2025 – with the balance having secured placement elsewhere.
Special Class	13 applications received before deadline 2 offers were made in adherence with the Admissions Policy and in consultation with the SENO.
As per the Admission Policy, offers were subsequently made in accordance with the waiting list. By the 20th June, 2025, we had reached our capacity of 180 students. There were initially in October, 2024, 4 late applications added to the original waiting list. A further 8 Late applications are now on the list giving a total of 12 Late applications in July 2025.	
Total number of offers made	310 offers made to date with 180 acceptances.
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	161 and 4 x lates (at Round 1 offer stage) on the 6 th November, 2024. The waiting list currently stands at 28 on the 1 st July, 2025.