



Apply to School is a new online system that allows parents and guardians to apply for a first-year place in participating post-primary schools. It is part of the Government's efforts to make the school admissions process simpler and more efficient for both families and schools. The system also helps make the process more transparent and consistent by keeping clear records of applications and any supporting documents submitted.

Why is this being introduced

A single application form to apply to school(s).

- Earlier certainty on your child's school place.
- Real time tracking of your application status.
- Fair and transparent process

Participating Schools

There are 22 post primary schools in Athenry, Celbridge, Clonakilty, Greystones, Kilbeggan, Kilcoole, Maynooth, Oranmore, Rosscarbery and Tullamore/ Killina participating for the 2027/2028 school year. A full list is available at: www.applytoschool.ie

Does this system replace all existing school processes?

No. The system streamlines the admissions process in line with legislation already in place.

The new system supports the application process, but decisions on applications will continue to be made by individual schools in line with their own admissions policies.

Can I apply for more than one school in an area?

Yes. It's strongly recommended that all parents/guardians apply to multiple schools, especially if the school of choice is popular.

What do I need to do:

visit www.applytoschool.ie and you will find guidance materials, including user guides and frequently asked questions. There is also contact details for Department helpdesk support in relation to technical issues associated with the online application process.

What do I need to have to complete my application:

- The student's birth certificate
- Up to 2 proofs of address
- Any relevant documents to support an application for a Special Class place.

Schools will contact you directly if any other documents are required to progress your application.



Important dates:



What if you need assistance in completing the online application?

If you are having any difficulty with the online application, the school you wish to apply to can help guide you through the process.

What happens after I submit the application?

Once you submit the form, you will receive a confirmation email from applytoschool@education.gov.ie. The email will confirm that your application has been received and will include a summary of the information you submitted.

What happens if your child does not secure a place at their preferred school, or if it is oversubscribed?

The Apply to School pilot will not change the current admissions policies of schools.

Schools can continue to operate waiting lists and oversubscription criteria.

