

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE Blackrock Educate Together Secondary School 2027/2028 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** is available on our website. The **Application Form for Admission** for the 2027/2028 school year will be available from 10.00 on Thursday 1st October 2026 on our website, www.blackrocketss.ie

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2027/2028 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to First Year

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	Thursday 1 st October 2026 at 10.00
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Thursday 22 nd October 2026 at 16.00
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Monday 9 th November 2026
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	Acceptance of an offer must be submitted within 14 days of the offer being made

Note: applications made after Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 16.00 will be processed as late applications; the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer within 14 days of the offer being made may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Special Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2027/2028

The special class provides an education exclusively for students with a definite diagnosis of Autism meeting DSM IV/V or ICD 10 diagnostic criteria and a professional recommendation that they require the support of a special class. It should be noted that fulfilling the enrolment eligibility does not necessarily guarantee the student a place in the ASD Special Class.

The number of students in the class of 2027/2028 is limited to six places; the number of places available for 2027/2028 will be confirmed.

Applicants must apply to the mainstream school and indicate if they require a place in the special class. A place can only be offered in the ASD class if a corresponding place also exists in the respective year the student has applied to join.

The special class will aim to offer an autism-specific learning environment within a mainstream co-educational setting. This setting facilitates optimum inclusion in mainstream classes and strives to meet the educational needs of the students. The Board of Management will assign a place in a mainstream class to all students in the ASD special class. "This enables the student to access the mainstream place (including optional subjects in post-primary schools) to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with their ability to participate" (Guidelines for Setting up and Organising Special Classes, NCSE, 2016).

Other Year Groups Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to other year groups (2nd, 3rd, 4th/ Transition Year, 5th, and 6th year only)

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the above groups on	26 th April 2027
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the above groups on (if all available places have been filled)	17 th May 2027
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	8 th June 2027
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	Acceptance of an offer must be submitted within 14 days of the offer being made

Note: applications made after the 17th May will be processed as late applications, the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer within 14 days of the offer being made may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Number of places being made available in 2027/2028

The number of places being made available in first year is	48
The number of places being made available in the special class* catering for children with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders. Meeting DSM IV/V or ICD 10 diagnostic criteria and a professional recommendation	TBC

Maximum student capacity of each year group in 2027/2028

The number of places being made available in other year groups is:	
2 nd year	1
3 rd year	0
TY	0
5 th year	0
6 th year	2

* The number of available places in the special class as of September 2026 is zero. All six places in the special class are taken. The special class is full at the present time. Places may become available in advance of the school year 2027/28. If a place or places become available in the special class, applications will be processed as per the Admissions Policy.