

COLÁISTE CHIARÁIN
ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE FOR 2026/27

Copies of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2027/28 school year are available as follows: –

Mainstream applications ONLINE at www.ccathlone.ie

Special class applications on request: By emailing admissions@ccathlone.ie or writing to:
Coláiste Chiaráin, Summerhill, Athlone, Co Roscommon

1. Application and Decision Dates for admission to 1st Year for 2027/28

1.	The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	5th October 2026
2.	The school will cease accepting applications for admission on	2nd November 2026
3.	Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by	5th November 2026
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	12th November 2026

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by the 12th November 2026 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

2. Application and Decision Dates for admission to Autism Spectrum Disorder Special Class for 2027/28

1.	The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	5th October 2026
2.	The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	2nd November 2026
3.	Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class by	5th November 2026
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	12th November 2026

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by 12th November 2026 may result in the offer being withdrawn

3. Number of places being made available in the 2027/28 school year

The number of places being made available in 1 st year is <i>Note: This number includes any students admitted to the special class where 1st year is the corresponding year group.</i>	180
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder is <i>Note: Admission to the special class is conditional on (1) the applicant meeting the eligibility requirements for admission to the special class and (2) there being a place available in the corresponding year group.</i> <i>Note: The number of places available in the Special Class is subject to change depending on a number of factors, including (1) if places become available in the special class after the publication of the Annual Admission Notice where these places have not been filled during the current school year in accordance with the school's Admission Policy and any waiting list, if applicable and (2) if a new special class is established in the school.</i>	3

4. Number of places in 1st year for the 2026/27 school year which were offered and accepted before 1 February 2021

The number of places for 1 st year that were offered and accepted prior to the coming into operation of section 62 of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 on 1 February 2020 is	0
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5. Breakdown of applications in the previous year

The total number of applications for admission received by the school for admission in 1st year in the 2026/27 school year was 256.

Breakdown of places allocated for 1st Year for the 2026/27 school year:	
Number of places available	182
Number of applications received	256

Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1: 86 Criteria 2: 90 Criteria 3: 2 Criteria 4: 4 Criteria 5: 0
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	74

The total number of valid applications for admission received by the school for admission in the special class catering for students with ASD in the 2026/27 school year was 12.

Breakdown of places allocated for Special Class for the 2026/27 school year:	
Number of places available	4
Number of applications received	12
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1: 4 Criteria 2: 0 Criteria 3: 0 Criteria 4: 0 Criteria 5: 0
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	8