

**St. Helen's Senior National School**  
**ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**  
**for September 2026**

**Admission Policy and Application Form**

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** for the 2026 - 2027 is available as follows:

**To download at:** [www.helens.ie](http://www.helens.ie)

**On request:** By emailing admin@helens.ie

**or writing to:** St. Helen's S.N.S., Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, D13 X326

A copy of the school's **Application form for Enrolment to mainstream classes** for the 2026/2027 school year is available **from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026** via the school website and/or \*office.

[www.helens.ie](http://www.helens.ie)

**\*On request:** By emailing admin@helens.ie

The school's **Application Form for Enrolment** to the **autism classes** for September 2026 is available from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 as follows:

**On request:** By emailing admin@helens.ie

**Applications should include the relevant accompanying documentation:**

***A recent Psychological Report recommending placement in a special class (within the last 2 years of referral date).***

***Other reports: if relevant (e.g. OT, Medical, Social, Psychiatry)***

**A letter from NCSE** confirming that the child has the required diagnosis and recommendation for a special class for autism (eligibility letter)

***A cover letter to the School Principal should accompany the above documentation.***

## **PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026 - 2027 school year**

### **Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026 - 2027**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Third Class

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	<b>4<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
The date on which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	<b>25<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer no later than:	<b>Within 10 days – by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>

**Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

**Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.**

### **Special Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026 - 2027**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Special Classes which caters for children on the autistic spectrum (AS).

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b>
The school will cease accepting applications for admission to the ASD special class on	<b>4<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	<b>18<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>

**Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

**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 2026 – 2027**

The number of places being made available in Third Class is:	<b>90</b>
The number of places being made available in the special class* catering for children on the autistic spectrum (AS) is:	<b>3</b>