

Rathcoole Educate Together National School

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

In respect of admissions to the 2026 / 2027 school year 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.rathcooleetns.ie
Please apply via our website – www.rathcooleetns.ie – on the homepage

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2026 / 2027 The following are the dates applicable for admission to junior infants – 5th Class (mainstream):

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	01.10.2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	31.01.2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	14.02.2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	7 days

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**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

Autism Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2026 / 2027 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's autism class which caters for children with AEN, this is based on the child having a recommendation for an autism class in a psychological assessment:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the autism class on	01.10.2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the autism class on	31.01.2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the autism class is	14.02.2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to the autism class is*	7 days

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Number of places being made available in the 2026 / 2027 school year

The number of available places in junior infants	24
The number of available places in senior infants	8
The number of available places in 1 st class	8
The number of available places in 2 nd class	11
The number of available places in 3 rd class	5
The number of available places in 4 th class	6
The number of available places in 5 th class	0
<i>Note: The figures set out below in relation to the above are subject to change dependent on whether current students in this class retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this Notice.</i>	
The number of residential places is (boarding schools only)	N/A
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	N/A
The number of places being made available in the autism class catering for children with AEN, this is based on the child having a recommendation for an autism class in a psychological assessment	0

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2026 / 2027 school year

(This section should only be completed if your school intake group/special class was oversubscribed in the previous school year)

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for junior infants / autism class for the 2025 / 2026 school year

In respect of the 2025 / 2026 school year, the total number of applications for admission received (within the timeframe, this does not include late applications) by the school was 129 applications for junior infants and 47 applications for the autism classes.

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025 / 2026 school year for junior infants:

Number of places available	24
Number of applications received	141
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria One: Applicants who are siblings of children and enrolled in the school at the same time – 11 places offered, 6 places accepted. Criteria Two: Applicants living in the school planning area as defined by the Department of Education – 47 places offered, 3 places accepted. Criteria Three: All other applicants - 56 places offered, 3 places accepted. Late applicants – 27 places offered, 4 places accepted.
Total number of offers made	141
Number of names placed on waiting list	0

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025 / 2026 school year for the autism class:

Number of places available	0
Number of applications received	50

Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria One: Applicants who are already enrolled in the school and who are deemed to have a need for the class and meet the requirements – 0 places offered, 0 places accepted. Criteria Two: Applicants who are siblings of children enrolled in the school at the same time – 0 places offered, 0 places accepted. Criteria Three: Applicants living in the school planning area as defined by the Department of Education – 0 places offered, 0 places accepted.
Total number of offers made	0
Number of names placed on waiting list	50