

Claregalway Educate Together N.S.

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2027/28 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2027/28 is available as follows: –

To download go to: www.claregalwayet.ie

Part 1 - Admissions to the 2027/28 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2027/28

The following are the dates applicable for admission to **junior infants**:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	1st October 2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	30th October 2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	27th November 2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	11th December 2026

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**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 2027/28 school year

Claregalway Educate Together N.S., with the approval of the Minister for Education, has established 2 classes to provide an education exclusively for autistic students / students with autism.

Children and young people are eligible for enrolment in a special class for autistic students / students with autism when the following is provided in support of such an application:

Professional report(s) outlining:

- Diagnosis of special educational needs (e.g. *Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi-disciplinary report)*)

AND

- A demonstration of the understanding of complexity of the child's overall level of need/s evidenced in the professional reports

AND

- Given the severity or complexity of the child's support needs, a clear professional recommendation as to what educational placement type would be most appropriate to best meet the child's needs, along with the rationale for same

AND

- A letter from the NCSE confirming that the child is known to them and that the child has the required diagnosis and recommendation for a special class for autistic students / students with autism.

[[Circular 39/2025](#) advises parents/guardians seeking to enrol their child or young person in a special class or special school:

- that they should notify the NCSE by 1 October and engage with them on the range of options which are available to meet the needs of their child or young person and
- that parents/guardians should obtain a letter from the NCSE to submit with their admission application for a special class or special school confirming that the child meets the requirements for enrolment to that setting.

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's autism class:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the autism class on	1st October 2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the autism class on	30th October 2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the autism class is	27th November 2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to the autism class is*	11th December 2026

***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.

Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2027/28 The following are the dates applicable for admission to **senior infants to sixth class**

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	23rd February 2027
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	16th March 2027
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	23rd March 2027
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	30th March 2027

***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 the 2027/28 school year

The number of available places in junior infants	23
The number of places being made available in the autism class catering for children with <i>[insert category or categories of additional ('special') education catered for in the specialist class]</i> ~	0

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2026-27 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for [junior infants//[autism class] for the 2026/27 school year

In respect of the 2026/27 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 20.

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2026/27 school year:	
Number of places available	25
Number of applications received	40
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	All applications received, offered places
Total number of offers made	20
Number of names placed on waiting list	0

