St Mary's Special School
ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE
in respect of admissions to the 2027/2028 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the school year 2027/2028 is available as follows:

To download at: www.stmarysspecialschooljohnstown.com

On request: By emailing: office@smss.ie or writing to: The Administrator, St Mary's Special School, Johnstown Educational Campus, Navan, Co Meath.

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2027/2028 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to St Mary's Special School.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	**01/10/2026**
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	**30/10/2026**
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	**20/11/2026**
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	**Parent must confirm in writing by a specified date within 5 working days.**

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

Late Applications:The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admissions' policy.

Data Protection: As per our data protection policy, all applications will be retained for the duration of the school year (i.e. until end of June 2028), at which point they will be destroyed.

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 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's classes whichcaters for children with Moderate GLD -

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**01/10/2026**
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**30/10/2026**
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to these classes is	**20/11/2026**
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	**Parent must confirm in writing by a specified date within 5 working days.**

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Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Classes which caters for children with Severe & Profound GLD / no complex medical-clinical needs -

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**01/10/2026**
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**30/10/2026**
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to these classes is	**20/11/2026**
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	**Parent must confirm in writing by a specified date within 5 working days.**

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Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Classes which caters for children with Severe & Profound GLD with complex medical /clinical needs – nursing care -

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**01/10/2026**
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**30/10/2026**
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to these classes is	**20/11/2026**
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	**Parent must confirm in writing by a specified date within 5 working days.**

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Late Applications: The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admissions' policy.

Data Protection: As per our data protection policy, all applications will be retained for the duration of the school year (i.e. until end of June 2028), at which point they will be destroyed.

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Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Classes which caters for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) -

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**01/10/2026**
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to these classes on	**30/10/2026**
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to these classes is	**20/11/2026**

The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	**Parent must confirm in writing by a specified date within 5 working days.**

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Number of places being made available in 2027/2028

The number of places being made available in Moderate GLD – Primary is	**0**
The number of places being made available in Moderate GLD – Post – Primary is	**3**
The number of places being made available in Severe & Profound GLD – non-medical complex needs – Primary is	**0**
The number of places being made available in Severe & Profound – non medical complex needs – Post Primary is	**2**
The number of places being made available in ASD Primary is	**3**
The number of places being made available in ASD Post Primary is	**4**
The number of places being made available in Severe & Profound with complex medical needs – Primary is	**2**

The number of places being made available in Severe & Profound with complex medical needs – Post Primary is	**1**

(***Note:** If school has a number of classes that cater for different categories of SEN, details of the numbers of places for each SEN class must be provided)

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2026/20267 school year

In respect of the 2026/2027 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for the 2026/20267 school year

In respect **of 2025/2026** school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was: 55

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2026/2027 school year:	
Number of places available:	**11**
Number of applications received:	**43**
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	**Criterion 1**: If a child who is already enrolled in a non-nursing class in St Mary's Special School requires a place in the Special Care Unit they will have first priority**. 0 Place Offered- 0 place**

	accepted. **Criterion 2.** The placement must be age and needs appropriate to meet the needs of the student e.g. placement in the Primary or Post Primary Section of the school. **11 places offered –11 places accepted.** **Criterion 3.** Brothers and sisters of existing pupils that fit within the categories of Special Educational Needs catered for in the school**. 0 Places offered – 0 Places accepted.** **Criterion 4.** Nursing assessment will determine eligibility: Step 1 – Assessment of the nursing needs of the child. **0 places offered- 0 places accepted** **Criterion 5.** Children from within the geographical catchment area of the school – County Meath (proof of parental address needed**).11 places offered- 11 places accepted**
Total number of offers made	**11**
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	**15**