

St. Patrick's N.S., Ballylinan, Co. Laois

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2025/2026 school year



ADMISSION POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2025 – 2026 school year is available as follows: –

Online: www.ballylinannationalschool.com

In writing: [Ballylinan NS, Ballylinan, Co. Laois. R14HK31.](#)

PART 1 - ADMISSIONS TO THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Application and Decision Dates for admission to **Junior Infants**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to **Junior Infants**

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	13/01/2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	04/02/2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	21/02/2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	13/03/2025

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 2025-2026

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Special Class which caters for children with **Autism**

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	13/01/2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	04/02/2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	21/02/2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	13/03/2025

****Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn***

NUMBER OF PLACES BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN 2025 / 2026

The number of places being made available in junior infants	30
The number of places being made available in the special class* catering for children with Autism.	0

PART 2 - ADMISSIONS TO THE 2024 / 2025

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for **Junior Infants/Special Class** for the 2023 / 2024 school year

In respect of the 2024/2025 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 34

Breakdown of places allocated for the xx/xx school year:	
Number of places available:	Junior Infants: 35 Autism Class 6
Number of applications received:	Junior Infants: 21 Autism Class: 13
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	<p>Junior Infants: 21 offers made, 18 accepted</p> <p>Autism Class: 6 offers made, 6 offers accepted.</p> <p>Criterion 1: Children currently attending the school who have a diagnosis of ASD as outlined in Section 5. 1 place offered, 1 place accepted.</p> <p>Criterion 2: Siblings of a student currently attending St. Patrick's N.S. 2 places offered, 2 places accepted.</p> <p>Criterion 3: Children whose primary residence is in the Parish of Ballylinan (Arles). 1 place offered, 1 place accepted.</p> <p>Criterion 4: Children whose primary residence is outside the Parish of Ballylinan (Arles). Places will be allocated on the basis of distance, by road, between the child's primary residence and the school. 2 places offered; 2 places accepted.</p>
Total number of offers made	Junior Infants: 6 Autism Class: 6
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	Junior Infants: Autism Class: 7