



Scoil Choilm CNS

ANNUAL ADMISSIONS NOTICE

Autism CLASSES

FOR 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

School Name	Scoil Choilm Community National School
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Where to find the school's Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** for the 2027/2028 school year is available to download at our school website: The application form for admission for Autism Classes for 2027/28 is available at: www.ncse.ie and the schools' website.

Scoil Choilm Community National School is participating in the Dublin D15 **Autism Class Application Trial (ACAT)**. Each school to which parents apply will consider the application based on the implementation of the school's admissions policy.

The School, (not the NCSE), will inform parents of the outcome of their application.

The objective is that parents/guardians will only have one application to fill out for the all participating schools.

The schools participating are :

D15ACAT: Participating Schools,
Roll number, School Name:
20098I, Castleknock Educate Together National School
20548N, Danu Community Special School
20383H, Hansfield Educate Together National School
20309S, Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School
20137P, Mary Mother of Hope Senior National School
20392I, Pelletstown Educate Together National School
20384J, Powerstown Educate Together National School
19755L, Sacred Heart National School
18046A, Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí
18047C, Scoil Bhríde Cailíní
20241K, Scoil Choilm Community National School
17891J, Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville
19505L, Scoil Oilibhéir
19769W, Scoil Thomais
00697S, St Brigid's Mixed National School
19644C, St Ciaran's National School
19435Q, St Francis Xavier JNS
19470S, St Francis Xavier SNS
18778s, St. Mochta's National School

If you have any difficulties completing this form, please email D15ACAT@ncse.ie. A dedicated team of NCSE personnel is there to assist. Please note that completing this application does not guarantee a school place. There are other schools in the D15 area with autism classes, but only those listed above are participating in this trial. Parents/guardians who wish to apply to schools not participating in the D15 ACAT should apply directly to those schools.

Part One: Admission for the 2027/2028 School Year

Autism class application and decision dates for admission to 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Autism Class

Note: The number of places set out below in relation to the Special Class are subject to change dependent on whether current students in the Special Classes retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this Notice.

1. Scoil Choilm CNS will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	1/02/2027
2. Scoil Choilm CNS shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	28/02/2027 @ 11.59pm.
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	12/03/2027
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	19/03/2027

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 19th/03/2027 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Late Applications

Applications made after the closing date above, will be processed as late applications and will be processed in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Applications for admission received between 1/02/2027 and 28/02/2027 will be notified of the decision on these applications by 12/03/2026. Applicants must confirm acceptance of any offer of admission issued within 7 days from the date on which the offer of admission has been made. Decisions on late applications will be made in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Failure to accept an offer within the applicable prescribed period above may result in the offer of admission being withdrawn.

Number of special class places in Scoil Choilm Community National School that will be available in for 2026/2027 enrolment

Class	Age / Class Group	Number of Spaces
Sonás & Bród	Junior Classes	2

Part Two: Admissions for the 2025/2026 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Autism classes for the 2025/2026 school year

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2026/2027 school year:	
Number of places available	2
Number of applications received	92
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria selection criteria 1 -2	3
Total number of offers made	3
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	85

(*Note: Each Autism class can usually accommodate 6 pupils).

Appendix

In addition to the Admissions Notice, the following is also provided for your information

Criteria for enrolment in autism class in Scoil Choilm CNS:

Subject to sufficient places being made available in an autism class, the criteria for enrolment to an autism class, incorporating the Dept. of Education and NCSE. policies & circulars, [Circular Letter 0039-2025_EN_final.pdf](#) are as follows:

1. Diagnosis of Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi-disciplinary report)
2. A demonstration of the understanding of complexity of the child's overall level of need/s evidenced in the professional reports
3. 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.
4. A letter of eligibility 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 autism is required for special class or special school placement.

Oversubscription priority criterion applied in Scoil Choilm CNS

To be applied in the event of there being more applicants for an available special class place. Listed in order of priority considerations. Please see our Admissions Policy on our school website.

Prioritisation will follow the sequence below

- 7.1.2.1:
The child is 4 years of age or older, on or before the 31st of May, in the year of entry. The children in our special class will commence their school in Junior classes. If two or more Students are tied on this criterion then the next selection criteria in the list will be applied to those students to determine the order of priority of those students.
- 7.1.2.2:
- The child is currently enrolled in our mainstream setting with a diagnosis of ASD and has a recommendation for a special class. 7.1.2.3:
- The child has siblings currently attending Scoil Choilm CNS (including stepsiblings, residing at the same address if they meet the criteria in relation to age)
- 7.1.2.4:
- The child resides in the catchment area. The catchment area, for enrolment purposes is in the Dublin 15 area and is outlined in Appendix 1
- 7.1.2.5:
- The child resides outside the catchment area.
- Note: Where two or more applications are tied, in the foregoing selection process, Scoil Choilm CNS, will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the special classes.

In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in the selection criteria categories 2-5 (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), places will be offered or added to a waiting list by the later date of birth of the student)