

Annual Admission Notice 2024/2025

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of Portlaoise College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2024/2025 This notice was published on 01/09/2023

Total number of places available in First Year Group: [Note: this number is subject to reduction if a student(s) awarded a place in the Special Class is due to be part of the First year Group.]	[192]
Number of places already allocated in First Year Group:	[0]
Number of places left in First Year Group:	[192]
<i>Note: The figures 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.</i>	
Total number of available places in Special Class(es):	[12]
Number of places already allocated in Special Class(es):	[11]
Number of places left in Special Class(es):	[1]

A copy of Portlaoise Colleges’s Admission Policy is available at: www.portlaoisecollege.ie

Online Application Form for admission to Portlaoise College is available from 09/09/2023:	School website www.portlaoisecollege.ie
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All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Portlaoise College will only be accepted after the 02/10/2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 23/10/2023 at 4pm. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school’s Admission Policy.

All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups in Portlaoise College other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted after the 02/10/2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 23/10/2023. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school’s Admission Policy.

Please be reminded that, in line with the school’s Admission Policy and the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018, all waiting lists going forward are only in place for the academic year to which they apply. Therefore, if a student is seeking a place in the Special Class and is not successful in a given academic year or is on a waiting list for this year, a new application must be made for the following year.

All applicants to the First-Year Group and/or Special Class will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	06/11/2023
Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	20/11/2022 @ 4pm
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Last year the school was oversubscribed and the following is a breakdown of the award of places:

<i>The number of applications to Portlaoise College for the <u>First-Year Group</u> exceeded the [192] places available within the school in 2023/24</i>	
Number of places available:	192
Number of applications received:	328
Number of offers made:	191
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<p>191 offers made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52 to siblings of students already in the school • 2 to a student from a staff member • 137 to students from feeder schools • 0 to students from schools other than our feeder schools

<i>The number of applications to Portlaoise College for the <u>Special Class(es)</u> exceeded the [1] places available within the school 2023/2024</i>	
Number of places available:	1
Number of applications received:	12
Number of offers made:	1
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<p>The class was established for students with Autism and the student met the criteria.</p> <p>1 offer made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 to siblings of students already in the school • 0 to the greatest level of need, as determined by the Principal in consultation with the SEN team in the school, having considered the Relevant Report in respect of the Child; • 0 to a student from a staff member

- 0 to students from feed schools
- 0 to students from schools other than our feeder schools