

Annual Admission Notice 2025/2026

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of Portlaoise College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2025/2026.

This notice was published on 23/09/2024

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 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 left in Special Class(es):	0

A copy of Portlaoise College's Admission Policy is available at:	School website www.portlaoisecollege.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing info@portlaoisecollege.ie
Online application Form for admission to Portlaoise College is available from 01/10/2024 at:	School website www.portlaoisecollege.ie

All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Portlaoise College will only be accepted from the 01/10/2024 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 23/10/2024 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 from the 6/01/2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 30/05/2025 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:	08/11/2024 Date no later than 21 days after the closing date in accordance with the Education (Welfare) Act 2020.
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:	22/11/2024 @ 4pm
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Portlaoise College will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.

Portlaoise College will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board of management, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board of management under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

<i>The number of applications to Portlaoise College for the <u>First-Year Group</u> exceeded the 192 places available within the school in 2024/2025.</i>	
Number of places available:	192
Number of applications received:	316
Number of offers made:	192
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	192 – Total offers made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 offers to students with siblings currently in the school • 1 to a student with a parent/guardian a staff member • 137 to students attending a feeder school. • 0 to students from schools other than our feeder schools

<i>The number of applications to Portlaoise College for the <u>Special Classes</u> exceeded the 1 place available within the school in 2024/2025.</i>	
Number of places available:	1
Number of applications received:	24

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 a sibling 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