



St Francis National School

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ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2026/7 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission and Enrolment Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** is available on the school website at

<https://www.stfrancisns.ie/admissions/>

Or on request: By emailing admin@stfrancisns.ie or writing to: School Secretary, St Francis NS, Rock Road, Blackrock, County Louth, A91 NH0V

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026 school year

Application and Decision Dates

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	October 1st 2025 at 00.01hrs
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	October 22nd 2025 at 15.00hrs
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	November 4th 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	November 18th 2025

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

Number of places being made available in 2026

The number of places being made available in junior infants is	52
The number of places being made available in the Special Class, catering for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder is	0

Statement in Respect of Children with Special Educational Needs

St Francis NS 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.

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

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025 school year

In respect of the 2026/6 school year, the total number of Junior Infants applications for admission received by the school was 142.

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025 school year:	
Number of places available:	51 Junior Infants 1 Special Class
Number of applications received:	142
Number of Offers accepted under each criteria:	No of places allocated to children of staff: 1 No of places allocated to siblings: 28 No of places allocated to other children resident in catchment area: 21 No of places offered in the Special Class, catering for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder: 1
Total number of offers made	74 Note: Following initial offers, some applicants withdrew or deferred their application to 2026 and subsequent second round offers were made.
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	12