



Ratoath Senior National School
ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE for Special Class
in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

A copy of the school's **Admissions Policy** and the **Application Form for Admissions** for the 2026/2027 is available as follows: –

School Website: www.ratoathsns.ie

On request: By emailing admin@ratoathsns.ie or writing to Ratoath SNS, Fairyhouse Road, Ratoath, Co Meath, A85 ET29

Application and Decision Dates for Admission 2026/2027

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the ASD Special Class

The school will commence accepting applications for admission from	20/04/2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	05/05/2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	19/05/2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	03/06/2026

Number of Places being made available in the 2026/2027 School Year

The number of places being made available in the Special Class catering for children with Autism is	6
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Please Note:

- **The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.**
- **Failure to accept a place within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Admissions Notice – ASD Special Class (2026/2027) in line with Admissions Policy

Ratoath Senior National School will commence accepting applications for admission to the ASD Special Class from 20th April 2026.

Application Process

The *Application for Admission Form* for the ASD Special Class must be completed as comprehensively as possible and returned with the following documentation:

- Original Child's Birth Certificate
- A current utility bill or similar as proof of address
- A copy of a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (DSM-IV / DSM-5 or ICD-10), made using a professionally recognised clinical and psychological assessment procedure
- A copy of a recommendation for placement in an ASD class attached to a mainstream school, dated within two years of the proposed admission date
- A letter 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.
- Where applicable, confirmation that a general disability is within the mild range, based on a professionally recognised clinical and psychological assessment, dated within two years of the proposed admission date

Important Note

As per the School Admission/Enrolment Policy:

**NCSE Eligibility Criteria for Enrolment in a Special Class for Autism
In line with Circular 0039/2025, applicants must provide professional report(s)
outlining:**

- Diagnosis of Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi disciplinary report)

AND

- A demonstration of the understanding of complexity of the child's overall level of need/s evidenced in the professional reports

AND

- 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.

AND

- A letter 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.

Additional Information

Application forms should be signed by **both** guardians, where possible
The Board of Management sets the admissions dates annually
Submission of an application does not guarantee a place

Key Dates

Opening date for applications: 20th April 2026
Closing date: 3:00 pm, Tuesday, 5th May 2026
Notification of decision: 19th May 2026