

## Annual Admission Notice 2026/2027

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of Ashbourne CNS in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2026/2027. This notice was published on 01/09/2025

**Note:** The figures set out below in relation to Junior Infants are subject to increase dependent on the overall student teacher ratio in the school at the time of the administration of the school's admission process for applications to the Junior Infant class.

**Total number of places available in Junior Infant Group:**

50

[Note: this number is subject to reduction if a student(s) awarded a place in the Special Class is/are due to be part of the Junior Infant Group.]

**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 Special Class after the publication of this Notice.

**Total number of available places in Special Classes**

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**A copy of Ashbourne's Admission Policy is available at :**

School website : [www.ashbournecns.ie](http://www.ashbournecns.ie)

School office (for printed copy)

By emailing : [ashbournecns@lmetb.ie](mailto:ashbournecns@lmetb.ie).

**An Application Form for admission to Ashbourne CNS is available from 01/10/25 at:**

School website : [www.ashbournecns.ie](http://www.ashbournecns.ie)

School office (for printed copy)

By emailing : [ashbournecns@lmetb.ie](mailto:ashbournecns@lmetb.ie).

All applications to the Junior Infants or the Special Class (for ALL class groups) in Ashbourne CNS will only be accepted from the 08/10/25 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 29/10/25. 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 Senior Infants, First Class, Second Class, Third Class, Fourth Class, Fifth Class or Sixth Class in Ashbourne CNS other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted from the 01/05/2026 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 22/05/26. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Equally, any transfer applications received during the current academic year, *i.e.* before May 2026, to transfer into a class immediately, will be treated as a late application where the application window for transferring into the school for the academic year 2025/2026 took place during the previous academic year and anyone who did not receive a place at that time was put on a waiting list. Therefore, any available places that arise in that class during the 2025/2026 academic year will be filled from that waiting list, until that list expires at the end of the academic year 2025/2026.

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 child 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.

<b>All applicants to the Junior Infants and/or Special Class for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:</b>	12/11/25
<b>Successful applicants to the Junior Infants Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission to Ashbourne CNS by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:</b>	26/11/25
<b>All transfer applications to Senior Infants, First Class, Second Class, Third Class, Fourth Class, Fifth Class or Sixth Class other than to the Special Class, for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:</b>	05/06/26
<b>Successful transfer applicants to Senior Infants, First Class, Second Class, Third Class, Fourth Class, Fifth Class or Sixth Class other than to the Special Class, in the following academic year must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission to Ashbourne CNS by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:</b>	19/06/26
<b>Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above, or that stated on any letter of offer, may result in the offer being withdrawn.</b>	

Ashbourne CNS 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.

Ashbourne CNS 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.

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

***The number of applications to Ashbourne CNS for the Junior Infant Group exceeded the 50 places available within the school in 2025/2026.***

<b>Number of places available:</b>	50
<b>Number of applications received:</b>	65
<b>Number of offers made:</b>	50
<b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b>	50 – Total offers made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 offers – Within catchment area;</li> <li>• 18 offers – with siblings currently enrolled in the school;</li> </ul>

***The number of applications to Ashbourne CNS for the Special Classes exceeded the 12 places available in 2025/2026.***

<b>Number of places available</b>	12
<b>Number of applications received:</b>	14
<b>Number of offers made:</b>	12
<b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b>	The class was established for students with Autism and all pupils meet the criteria.