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National Council
for Special Education



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Pelletstown Educate Together National School
ANNUAL ADMISSIONS NOTICE
Autism CLASSES
FOR 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Where to find the school's Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's Admission Policy for the 2025/2026 school year is available to download at our school website; www.pelletstownetns.ie

The application form for admission for Autism Classes for 2025/26 is available at: www.ncse.ie and on each participating schools' website; www.pelletstownetns.ie

Pelletstown ETNS is participating in the Dublin D15 Autism Class Application Trial (ACAT).

Each school to which parents apply will consider the application based on the implementation of the school's admissions policy.

Schools, (not the NCSE), will inform parents of the outcome of their application.

The objective is that parents/guardians will only have one application to fill out for the 13 participating schools.

The schools participating are :

School Name	School Roll Number
St Brigid's Mixed National School	00697S
Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí	18046A
Scoil Oilibhéir	19505L
St Ciaran's National School	19644C
Sacred Heart National School	19755L
Castleknock Educate Together National School	20098I
Mary Mother of Hope Senior National School	20137P
Scoil Choilm Community National School	20241K
Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School	20309S
Hansfield Educate Together National School	20383H
Powerstown Educate Together National School	20384J
Pelletstown Educate Together National School	20392I
Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville	17891J

If you have any difficulties completing this form, please email D15ACAT@ncse.ie. A dedicated team of NCSE personnel is there to assist. Please note that completing this application does not guarantee a school place. There are other schools in the D15 area with autism classes, but only those listed above are participating in this trial.

Part One: Admission for the 2025/2026 School Year

Autism class application and decision dates for admission to 2025/2026

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Autism Classes

Note: *The number of places set out below in relation to the Autism Classes are subject to change, dependent on whether current students in the Autism Classes retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this notice.*

1. Pelletstown Educate Together National School will commence accepting applications for admission to the Autism class on:	04/11/2024
2. Pelletstown Educate Together National School shall cease accepting applications for admission to the Autism class on:	08/1/2025 @2pm
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the Autism class is:	24/01/2025
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is by:	31/01/2025

Note: applications made after the closing date above, 08/01/2025, will be processed as late applications and will be processed in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 31/01/2025 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Number of special class places in our school that will be available in for 2025/2026 enrolment

Class	Age / Class Group	Number of Spaces
Junior Class	Junior Infants – 2 nd Class	0
Senior Class	3 rd – 6 th Class	0

Part Two: Admissions for the 2024/2025 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Autism classes for the 2024/2025 school year

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/25 school year:

Number of places available	1
Number of applications received	29
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria selection criteria 1: 1 selection criteria 2: 0 selection criteria 3: 0 selection criteria 4: 0 selection criteria 5: 0 selection criteria 6: 0	1
Total number of offers made	1
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	28

(***Note:** Each Autism class can usually accommodate 6 pupils).

In addition to the Admissions Notice, the following is also provided for your information

Criteria for enrolment to the Autism classes in our school:

Subject to sufficient places being made available in an Autism class, the criteria for enrolment to an Autism class, incorporating the Department of Education and NCSE policies and circulars (<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/f16ca-new-measures-to-support-the-forward-planning-for-special-education-provision/>) is as follows:

1. Diagnosis of Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi-disciplinary report)
2. A demonstration of the understanding of complexity of the child's overall level of need/s evidenced in the professional reports
3. 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.

Oversubscription priority criterion applied in Pelletstown Educate Together National School:

To be applied in the event of there being more applicants for an available Autism class place.

Listed in order of priority considerations

1. Applicant students enrolled in and attending mainstream classes in Pelletstown ETNS, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class
2. Students who have been offered a place in a mainstream class for the coming year in Pelletstown ETNS, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class
3. Applicant students who are siblings of children, enrolled in the school at the same time who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class
4. Applicant students living in the school planning area as defined by the Department of Education and Skills i.e. Pelletstown – to include the following areas; Phoenix Park Racecourse, Martin Savage Park, Rathborne and Royal Canal Park, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class
5. All other applications received within the timeframe set out in the Annual Admission Notice, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class
6. All other applications received after the closing date set out in Annual Admission Notice, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class.

In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), places will be offered or added to a waiting list by the earlier date of birth of the student.

Priority ranking will be given to the child who is no older than the oldest child enrolled in the Autism Class and, where there is capacity within the corresponding mainstream class to accommodate integration of the pupil. If there are two or more children with the same date of birth, a lottery will be used to determine the order that these places will be offered or added to the waiting list.