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Mary Mother of Hope JNS
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: [Admissions | Mary, Mother of Hope Junior National School](#) The application form for admission for Autism Classes for 2025/26 Is available at: www.ncse.ie and each participating schools' website.

Mary Mother of Hope JNS 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 Class

Note: The number of places 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.

1. Mary Mother of Hope JNS will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	04/11/2024
2. Mary Mother of Hope JNS shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special 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 special class is	24/01/2025
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	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	Junior Infants – 2 nd Class	2
Senior	N/A	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	5
Number of applications received	21
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	
selection criteria 1:	2
selection criteria 2-4:	3
Total number of offers made	5
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	16

(*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 in autism class in our school:

Subject to sufficient places being made available in an autism class, the criteria for enrolment to an autism class, incorporating the Dept. of Education and NCSE policies & circulars, <https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/f16ca-new-measures-to-support-the-forward-planning-for-special-education-provision/> are 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

Admissions Criteria in our school

1. Mary Mother of Hope JNS is a junior school and does not discriminate where it refuses to admit a child from 3rd – 6 class applying for admission to this school.
2. Applicants must be at least 4 years of age before the first of June of the year in which they apply
3. Applicants must not be more than 8 years of age at the start of the school year for which they are applying,
4. No child will be retained in the special class beyond the 30th of June after their 9th birthday.

Oversubscription priority criterion applied in our school

To be applied in the event of there being more applicants for an available special class place. Listed in order of priority considerations

1. Children already enrolled in mainstream classes in Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School, who have a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation for a special class placement.
2. Children with a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation for a special class placement living within the catchment area and brothers & sisters (including step-siblings & foster children resident at same address) of children currently enrolled in Mary, Mother of Hope Schools with a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation for a special class placement
3. Children of current staff members of Mary, Mother of Hope schools (including step-siblings & foster children resident at same address) with a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation for a special class placement
4. All children from outside the catchment area with a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation for a special class placement

In the event of the number of children in category (1) exceeding the number of places available in a given year, the Board of Management will offer places based on chronological age of the children with the youngest applicants given a place first.

The same criteria will be adopted in relation to category (2) and then (3) and then (4) until all places are filled.

This process will be repeated each time a place becomes available in the ASD class.

Where two children are tied for one place, the place will be allocated by lottery

Please see Mary Mother of Hope JNS Admissions Policy for all details.