



## **Malahide Community School**

### **ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**

**in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 school year**

#### **Admission Policy and Application Form**

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Annual Admission Notice** for the **2026-2027** school year is available to download from the school's website - [www.malahidecs.ie](http://www.malahidecs.ie) from **Monday, 22nd September, 2025**. A hard copy of these documents is available on request by contacting the Main Office or by emailing [admissions2026@malahidecs.ie](mailto:admissions2026@malahidecs.ie).

**Application Forms for Admission to First Year** for the **2026-2027** school year will be available on our website ([www.malahidecs.ie](http://www.malahidecs.ie)) on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025**.

Application for our Mainstream Classes is via an online application form (after 14:00hrs) on that date. Application for our Autism Special Class is via a downloadable form that has to be submitted manually.

## **PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026-2027 school year**

### **Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026-2027 school year**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to First Year:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	<b>Wednesday, 1st October, 2025 at 14:00hrs</b>
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	<b>Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025 at 18:00hrs</b>
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is (* final decision for admission to the Autism Special Class rests with the NCSE)	<b>Wednesday, 12th November, 2025 at 18:00hrs *</b>
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>Monday, 24th November, 2025, at 18:00hrs</b>

**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**\*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above will result in the offer being withdrawn.**

### **Number of places being made available in 2026-2027 school year**

The total number of places being made available in First Year is	<b>204</b>
The maximum number of places being made available in the Autism Special Class, catering for children who have been assessed with a primary diagnosis of Autism/Autism Spectrum Disorder in line with established DES criteria is	<b>6</b>

## **PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025-2026 school year**

### **Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for First Year for the 2025-2026 school year:**

In respect of the **2025-2026** school year, the total number of mainstream applications for admission received by the school by the closing date was: **314** inc. 5 self cancelled online due to errors

<b>Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025-2026 school year:</b>	
Number of places available:	198 in mainstream classes
Number of applications received:	309 (plus 5 cancelled online)

<p>Number of Offers made and accepted under each criterion by the initial acceptance deadline of Monday 25th November, 2024:</p>	<p><b>Criterion 1:</b> Children whose parent's / guardian's principal private residence is in the School's catchment area, who are attending St. Oliver Plunkett's, St. Andrew's, Pope John Paul II, Scoil an Duinnínigh or Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together National school and who have siblings currently attending the School. 94 applications / 94 offers made / subsequently 88 places accepted.</p> <p><b>Criterion 2:</b> Children of MCS day staff: 3 applications / 3 offers made / subsequently 3 places accepted.</p> <p><b>Criterion 3:</b> Subject to a maximum *25% of the enrolment figure, children whose parent's/guardian's principal private residence is in the School catchment area, who are attending St. Oliver Plunkett's, St. Andrew's, Pope John Paul II, Scoil an Duinnínigh or Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together National School and whose parent(s) / guardian(s) completed their post-primary education in the School to either Intermediate/Junior Certificate and/or Leaving Certificate level. 34 Applications / 34 offers made / subsequently 31 places accepted.</p> <p><b>Criterion 4:</b> children whose parent's/guardian's principal private residence is in the School catchment area, who are attending St. Oliver Plunkett's, St. Andrew's, Pope John Paul II, Scoil an Duinnínigh or Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together National schools: 104 Applications / 67 offers made / subsequently 61 places accepted.</p> <p><b>Criterion 5:</b> Children whose parent's/guardian's principal private residence is in the School catchment area, but who are not attending St. Oliver Plunkett's, St. Andrew's, Pope John Paul II, Scoil an Duinnínigh or Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together National schools. 15 applications / no offers made</p> <p><b>Criterion 6:</b> Children attending St. Oliver Plunkett's, St. Andrew's, Pope John Paul II, Scoil an Duinnínigh or Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together National schools, whose parent's/guardian's principal private residence is outside the catchment area and who have siblings currently attending the School. 2 applications / no offers made .</p> <p><b>Criterion 7:</b> Children whose parent's/guardian's principal private residence is outside the catchment area with siblings attending the School. No applications / no offers made.</p> <p><b>Criterion 8:</b> Any other applications received before the deadline as notified in the Annual Admission Notice. 56 applications / no offers made.</p> <p><b>Criterion 9:</b> Applications received after the date set out for submission of applications in the Annual Admission Notice. 1 applications / no offers made.</p>
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Total number of offers made by the initial acceptance deadline of Monday 25th November, 2024	198
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned by the initial acceptance deadline Monday 25th November, 2024.	111