



Malahide Community School ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2027/2028 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Annual Admission Notice** for the **2027-2028** school year is available to download from the school's website - www.malahidecs.ie from **Wednesday, 23rd September 2026**. A hard copy of these documents is available on request by contacting the Main Office or by emailing admissions2027@malahidecs.ie.

The **online Application Form for Admission to First Year** for the **2027-2028** school year will be available on our website (www.malahidecs.ie) on **Thursday, 1st October, 2026**.

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2027-2028 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2027-2028 school year

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

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	Thursday 1st October, 2026 at 14:00hrs
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	Thursday 22nd October, 2026 at 18:00hrs
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	Thursday 12th November, 2026 at 18:00hrs
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	Monday 23rd November, 2026, at 18:00hrs

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***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above will result in the offer being withdrawn.**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 the 2027-2028 school year

The number of Mainstream places being made available in First Year is	204
The maximum number of places in the Cineáltas Suite catering for children who have been assessed with a primary diagnosis of Autism/ Autism Spectrum Disorder in line with established DEY criteria is	0
**See Note 1 below	

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2026-2027 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for First Year for the 2026-2027 school year:

In respect of the **2026-2027** school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was: **367** (inc. 6 self-cancelled online due to errors).

Breakdown of Mainstream places allocated for the 2026-2027 school year:	
Number of places available:	198 in mainstream classes
Number of applications received:	361 (plus 6 cancelled ones)
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria by the initial acceptance deadline of Monday, 24th November, 2025:	Criterion 1: 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: 112 applications / 112 offers made / subsequently 109 places accepted. Criterion 2: Children of MCS day staff: 6 applications / 6 offers made / subsequently 3 places accepted. Criterion 3: 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: 41 Applications / 41 offers made / subsequently 36 places accepted. **See Note 2 below Criterion 4: 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: 98 Applications / 39 offers made / subsequently 28 places accepted. Criterion 5: 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: 12 applications / no offers made Criterion 6: 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: 0 applications / no offers made . Criterion 7: Children whose parent's/guardian's principal private residence is outside the catchment area with siblings attending the School: 1 application / no offers made. Criterion 8: Any other applications received before the deadline as notified in the Annual Admission Notice: 84 applications / no offers made. Criterion 9: Applications received after the date set out for submission of applications in the Annual Admission Notice: 7 applications / no offers made.
Total number of offers made by the initial acceptance deadline of Monday, 24th November, 2025.	198
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned by the initial acceptance deadline of Monday, 24th November, 2025.	163

Note 1:

The number of students in each AS Class is limited to a maximum of 6 places. We currently have two AS Classes and both classes are currently oversubscribed and a Waiting List will apply.

Note 2 :

As previously advised on page 9 of the Admission Policy of August 2025, Criterion 3 has been removed for all future Admissions with effect from September 2026.

