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National Council
for Special Education



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**St Francis Xavier Junior 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.sfxns.ie The application form for admission for Autism Classes for 2025/26 is available at: www.ncse.ie and each participating schools' website.

St. Francis Xavier JNS www.sfxns.ie 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 18 participating schools.

The schools participating are :

School Roll Number	School Name
00697S	St Brigid's Mixed National School
17891J	Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville
18046A	Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí
18778s	St. Mochta's National School
19435Q	St Francis Xavier JNS
19505L	Scoil Oilibhéir
19644C	St Ciaran's National School
19755L	Sacred Heart National School
19769W	Scoil Thomais
20098I	Castleknock Educate Together National School
20137P	Mary Mother of Hope Senior National School
20241K	Scoil Choilm Community National School
20309S	Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School

20383H	Hansfield Educate Together National School
20384J	Powerstown Educate Together National School
20392I	Pelletstown Educate Together National School
20548N	Danú Community Special School

If you have any difficulties completing this form, please email parentsupport@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. Parents/guardians who wish to apply to schools not participating in the D15 ACAT should apply directly to those schools.

Part One: Admission for the 2026/2027 School Year

Autism class application and decision dates for admission to 2026/2027

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. St. Francis Xavier JNS will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	1st October 2025 01/10/2025
2. St. Francis Xavier JNS shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	31st October 2025 @11.59pm 31/10/2025
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	21st November 2025 21/11/2025
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	28th November 2025 28/11/2025

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the **28/11/2025** may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Late Applications

Applications made after the closing date above, **31/10/2025**, will be processed as **late applications** and will be processed in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Applications for admission received between 1/11/2025 and 13/04/2026 will be notified of the decision on these applications by 30/04/2026. Applicants must confirm acceptance of any offer of admission issued within 7 days from the date on which the offer of admission has been made. Decisions on late applications will be made in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Failure to accept an offer within the applicable prescribed period above may result in the offer of admission being withdrawn.

Number of special class places in <u>our school</u> that will be available in for 2026/2027 enrolment		
Class	Age / Class Group	Number of Spaces
Junior	4-8	3
Senior	NA	NA

Part Two: Admissions for the 2025/2026 school year	
Information regarding the admission process for the Autism classes for the 2024/2025 school year	
Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/26 school year:	
Number of places available	2
Number of applications received	16
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria selection criteria 1: selection criteria 2:	
Total number of offers made	2
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	14

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

Appendix

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, [Circular Letter 0039-2025 EN final.pdf](#) 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.
4. A letter from the NCSE confirming that the child is known to them and that the child has the required diagnosis and recommendation for a special class for autism.

Admissions Criteria in our school

1. St Francis Xavier 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.

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. Must be 4 years of age by 1st of January on year of enrolment
2. Current students of the school/students who have been offered a place in the mainstream school for the coming September who meet age criteria as detailed in Admissions Notice (to correspond with current enrolees)
3. Applicant students who are siblings of children, enrolled in the school at the same time who meet age criteria as detailed in Admissions Notice (to correspond with current enrolees)
4. Children living within the Catchment Area (*insert*) who meet age criteria as detailed in Admissions Notice (to correspond with current enrolees)
5. Children living within D15 who meet age criteria as detailed in Admission's Notice (to correspond with current enrolees)
6. Children living outside the Catchment Area who meet age criteria as detailed in Admission's Notice (to correspond with current enrolees)
7. Revisit categories 1 – 5, prioritising children closest in age to the age criteria detailed in Admission's Notice

In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria criterion above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), places will be offered or added to a waiting list by way of a lottery of completed applications.

Commented [1]: Schools insert their own oversubscription criteria