St. Francis Xavier Junior National School

ANNUAL ADMISSIONS NOTICE

Autism Class

School Year 2027 2028

School Name	St. Francis Xavier Junior National School
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A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** for the 2027/2028 school year is available to download at our school website www.sfxjunior.com. The application for admission for our Autism Class for 2027/2028 is available at https://www.ncse.ie/and on our website.

St. Francis Xavier Junior National School is participating in the Dublin 15 **Autism Class Application Trial (ACAT).** Each school, parents/guardians apply to, will look at the application using its own Admissions Policy. The school (not the NCSE) will let parents/guardians know the result of their application. The aim is that parents/guardians will only need to complete one application form for all 17 participating schools. The schools participating are listed below:

Roll Number	School Name
20548N	Danu Community Special School
I20383H	Hansfield Educate Together National School
20309S	Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School
20137P	Mary Mother of Hope Senior National School
20392I	Pelletstown Educate Together National School
20384J	Powerstown Educate Together National School

19755L	Sacred Heart National School
18046A	Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí
18047C	Scoil Bhríde Cailiní
20241K	Scoil Choilm Community National School
17891J	Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville
19505L	Scoil Oilibhéir
00697S	St. Brigid's Mixed National School
19644C	St. Ciaran's National School
19435Q	St. Francis Xavier Junior National School
19470S	St. Francis Xavier Senior National School
18778S	St. Mochta's National School

PART ONE: Admission for the 2027/2028 School Year.
Autism class application and decision dates for admission to 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Autism Class.
Note: T*he number of places set out below in relation to the Autism Class are subject to change dependent on whether the current students in these classes retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this notice.*

1.**D15ACAT** will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on:	**01/02/2027**
2.**D15ACAT** shall cease accepting Applications for admission to the special class on:	**28/2/2027 @ 12 noon**
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is:	**12/03/2027**
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is:	**19/03/2027**

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 19/03/2027 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Late Applications

Applications made after the closing date of **28/02/2027** will be processed as late applications and will be processed in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

Late application Round 1: Applications for admission received between 01/03/2027 and 31/05/2027 will be notified of the decision on these applications by 14/06/2027.

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.

Applications made after 31/05/2027 for 2027/2028 school year should be made directly to schools by parents/guardians. **Please note all ACAT schools are heavily oversubscribed. Please link in with your SENO from June 2027 to identify schools opening new autism classes and/or who still have vacancies**.

Number of Autism Class places available in St. Francis Xavier Junior National School that will be available for 2027/2028 enrolment.

The number of places being made available in the special class catering for children with Autism	**1**

PART TWO: Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year	
Information regarding the admission process for the Autism class for the 2026/2027 school year.	
Breakdown of places allocated for the 2026/2027 school year:	**3**
Number of places available	**3**
Number of applications received	**44**
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria Criteria 1:3	**3**
Total number of offers made	**3**
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	**11**

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

Criteria for enrolment in Autism Class in St. Francis Xavier Junior National 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, 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 of eligibility 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 is required for special class or special school placement.

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 June 2027.
2. Children already enrolled in the school who have a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation for a special class placement.
3. All children with a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation for a special class placement living within the catchment area.
4. Siblings, including step-siblings and foster care children, resident at the same address, of children currently enrolled in St. Francis Xavier schools with a diagnosis of ASD and recommendation for a special class placement.
5. All children outside the parish of St. Brigid's, Blanchardstown with a diagnosis of ASD and a recommendation of a special 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 in order of age, the eldest being first.