Ratoath Senior National School

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE for Special Class

in respect of admissions to the 2027/2028 school year

A copy of the school's **Admissions Policy** and the **Application Form for Admissions** for the 2027/2028 is available as follows: –

School Website: www.ratoathsns.ie

On request: By emailing admin@ratoathsns.ie or writing to Ratoath SNS, Fairyhouse Road, Ratoath, Co Meath, A85 ET29

Application and Decision Dates for Admission 2027/2028

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the ASD Special Class

The school will commence accepting applications for admission from	**11/01/2027**
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	**25/01/2027**
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	**08/02/2027**
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	**24/02/2027**

Number of Places being made available in the 2027/2028 School Year

The number of places being made available in the Special Class catering for children with Autism is	**4**

Please Note:

- **The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.**
- **Failure to accept a place within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Admissions Notice – ASD Special Class (2027/2028) in line with Admissions Policy

Ratoath Senior National School will commence accepting applications for admission to the ASD Special Class from 11th January 2027**.**

Application Process

The *Application for Admission Form* for the ASD Special Class must be completed as comprehensively as possible and returned with the following documentation:

- Original Child's Birth Certificate
- A current utility bill or similar as proof of address
- A copy of a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (DSM-IV / DSM-5 or ICD-10), made using a professionally recognised clinical and psychological assessment procedure
- A copy of a recommendation for placement in an ASD class attached to a mainstream school, dated within two years of the proposed admission date
- Where applicable, confirmation that a general disability is within the mild range, based on a professionally recognised clinical and psychological assessment, dated within two years of the proposed admission date

Important Note

As per the School Admission/Enrolment Policy:

NCSE Eligibility Criteria for Enrolment in a Special Class for Autism
In line with Circular 0039/2025, applicants must provide professional report(s) outlining:

- Diagnosis of Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi disciplinary report)

AND

- A demonstration of the understanding of complexity of the child's overall level of need/s evidenced in the professional reports

AND

- 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.

AND

- 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.

Additional Information

Application forms should be signed by **both** guardians, where possible

The Board of Management sets the admissions dates annually

Submission of an application does not guarantee a place

Key Dates

Opening date for applications: 11th January 2027
Closing date: 3:00 pm, Monday, 25th January 2027
Notification of decision: 8th February 2027