



ASHBOURNE  
**EDUCATE TOGETHER**  
NATIONAL SCHOOL

**ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE  
for 2026/2027 school year**

**Admission Policy and Application Form**

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026/27 school year is available as follows: – To download at: [www.ashbourneetns.ie](http://www.ashbourneetns.ie)

On request: By emailing [office@ashbourneetns.ie](mailto:office@ashbourneetns.ie) or writing to : Ashbourne ETNS, Killegland, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

**Admission Information**

In the event that the school is oversubscribed, criteria will be used to prioritise applicants. Parents/guardians are advised to consult the Admissions Policy on the AETNS website for further information. [www.ashbourneetns.ie](http://www.ashbourneetns.ie)

In determining admission, the Board of Management will take account of DE Circulars and regulations, public health guidelines, health and safety guidelines and shall have regard to issues such as physical space, multi-grade classes and the presence of children with Special Educational Need when deciding on further enrolment to any class.

**Online Applications:** Applications will be accepted online via our school website on the dates set out below.

**Postal Applications-** Applications will be accepted via post to the school postal address: Ashbourne ETNS, Killegland, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, A84A4X6 on the dates set out below.

**Applications in person to the School office:**

Applications will be accepted in person to the School office between 8:30am- 2:30pm,

on the dates set out below.

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

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

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	<b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</b>
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>8<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>

**Note: applications made after the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, will be processed as late applications, the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.**

**Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 will result in the offer being withdrawn.**

### **Special Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to AETNS 2026/2027 school year**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's special class which caters for children with Autism

***Note: The figures set out below in relation to the Special Classes 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. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	<b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</b>
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>

4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
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**Note: There are currently 6 children in each of our ASD classes, (12 in total) 9 children are expected to stay for the school year 2026/27, resulting in 3 places being available for the 2026/27 school year.**

**Other Year Groups Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026/2027** The following are the dates applicable for admission to other year groups (Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class)

1. The school will commence accepting applications for admission to other year groups on	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
2. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to other year groups on	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Note: applications made after the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 will be processed as late applications, the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.**

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## **Number of places being made available in Ashbourne ETNS for the 2026/2027 School year**

The number of places being made available in junior infants is **50**

The number of places being made available in the junior special class\* catering for children with Autism (Junior infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> class) is **1**.

The number of places being made available in the senior special class\* catering for children with Autism (3<sup>rd</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class) is **2**.

The number of places being made available in other year groups for 2026/27 is

**9**

As of date of publication  
22/10/2025

Senior Infants: **5**

1st Class: **4**

2nd Class: **0**

3rd Class: **0**

4th Class: **0**

5th Class: **0**

6th Class: **0**

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

**Ashbourne ETNS has accepted applications for places prior to the commencement of Section 62 of the Education (Admission to Schools) 2018 on 1 February 2020. The number of those places offered in 2025/26 were as follows:**

Junior Infants/ first year intake group: 0
Special Class: 0
Other year groups 0