

Mullingar Educate Together National School

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 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 2026/2027 is available as follows: –

To download at: www.mullingaretns.ie

On request: By emailing office@mullingaretns.ie
or writing to: Rathgowan, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath N91 N722

Part 1 - Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

Junior Infants Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2026/2027

The following are the dates applicable for admission to **junior infants**:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	16 October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	11 November 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	21 November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	10 days from the date of the letter of offer

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

Early Intervention and Autism Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2026/2027 school year

Mullingar Educate Together National School, with the approval of the Minister for Education, has established 1 Early Intervention Preschool and 4 classes to provide an education exclusively for autistic students.

Children and young people are eligible for enrolment in a special class for autistic students when the following is provided in support of such an application:

Professional report(s) outlining:

- Diagnosis of special educational needs (e.g. *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 autistic students / students with autism.

[Circular 39/2025](#) advises parents/guardians seeking to enrol their child or young person in a special class or special school:

- that they should notify the NCSE by 1 October and engage with them on the range of options which are available to meet the needs of their child or young person and
- that parents/guardians should obtain a letter from the NCSE to submit with their admission application for a special class or special school confirming that the child meets the requirements for enrolment to that setting.

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's early intervention preschool class which caters for children with diagnosis of special educational needs (*e.g. Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi-disciplinary report)*):

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the early intervention preschool class on	16 October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the early intervention preschool class on	11 November 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the early intervention preschool class is	21 November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to the early intervention preschool class is*	10 days from the date of the letter of offer

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's autism class which caters for children with diagnosis of special educational needs (e.g. Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi-disciplinary report):

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the autism class on	16 October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the autism class on	11 November 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the autism class is	21 November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to the autism class is*	10 days from the date of the letter of offer

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

Senior Infants to Sixth Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2026/2027

The following are the dates applicable for admission to senior infants to sixth class:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	16 October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	11 November 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	21 November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	10 days from the date of the letter of offer

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

Number of places being made available in the 2026/2027

The number of available places in junior infants	34
The number of places being made available in the early intervention preschool class catering for children with autism	3
The number of places being made available in the autism class catering for children with autism	2
The number of places available in other year groups (senior infants to sixth class)	8

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for junior infants/Autism classes for the 2025/2026 school year

In respect of the 2025/2026 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 181.

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:	
Number of places available	34 Junior Infants, 5 Mainstream + 4 Early Intervention + 2 Special Classes
Number of applications received	64 Junior Infants 79 Senior Infants to Sixth Class 15 Early Intervention Preschool 23 Special Classes
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	A description of each criterion used and the number of places offered and accepted under that criterion must be entered here. Example, as follows: Junior Infants: Criterion One: Applicants with siblings attending the school – 24 places offered, 16 places accepted. Criterion Two: Other – 30 places offered, 20 Accepted Senior Infants to Sixth Class: Criterion Two: Other – 29 places offered, 22 Accepted Early Intervention Preschool: Criterion One: Applicants with siblings attending the school – 2 places offered, 2 places accepted. Criterion Two: Other – 7 places offered, 2 Accepted Special Classes for autistic children: Criterion One: Children currently attending the Early Intervention Preschool – 3 places offered, 3 places accepted. Criterion Three: Applicants with siblings attending the school – 1 place offered, 0 place accepted Criterion Four: Other – 7 places offered, 2 Accepted
Total number of offers made	103
Number of names placed on waiting list	Junior Infants: 6 Senior Infants to 6 th Class: 43 Early Intervention Preschool: 7 Special Classes for Autistic Children: 16