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National Council  
for Special Education



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**Powerstown ETNS  
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.powerstownet.com](http://www.powerstownet.com). The application form for admission for Autism Classes for 2025/26 is available on school website and at [www.ncse.ie](http://www.ncse.ie)

**Powerstown ETNS** 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 13 participating schools. The schools participating are :

School Name	School Roll Number
St Brigid's Mixed National School	00697S
Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí	18046A
Scoil Oilibhéir	19505L
St Ciaran's National School	19644C
Sacred Heart National School	19755L
Castleknock Educate Together National School	20098I
Mary Mother of Hope Senior National School	20137P
Scoil Choilm Community National School	20241K
Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School	20309S
Hansfield Educate Together National School	20383H
Powerstown Educate Together National School	20384J
Pelletstown Educate Together National School	20392I
Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville	17891J

If you have any difficulties completing this form, please email [D15ACAT@ncse.ie](mailto:D15ACAT@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.

### Part One: Admission for the 2025/2026 School Year

#### Autism class application and decision dates for admission to 2025/2026

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. Powerstown ETNS will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	04/11/2024
2. Powerstown ETNS shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	08/1/2025 @2pm
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	24/01/2025
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	31/01/2025

**Note:** applications made after the closing date above, **08/01/2025**, will be processed as late applications and will be processed in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the **31/01/2025** may result in the offer being withdrawn.

#### Number of special class places in our school that will be available in for 2025/2026 enrolment

Class	Age / Class Group	Number of Spaces
Elm Class	Junior / Senior Infants: 4 – 6.5 years	5

### Part Two: Admissions for the 2024/2025 school year

#### Information regarding the admission process for the Autism classes for the 2024/2025 school year in Powerstown ETNS

##### Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/25 school year:

Number of places available	5
Number of applications received	40
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	1
selection criteria 1:	1
selection criteria 2:	3
selection criteria 3:	0
selection criteria 4 & 5:	
Total number of offers made	5
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	35 (Dec 2023) 15 (Oct 2024)

(\***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, <https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/f16ca-new-measures-to-support-the-forward-planning-for-special-education-provision/> 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.

### Oversubscription priority criterion applied in Powerstown ETNS

**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 1<sup>st</sup> of June 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 **of Tyrrelstown, Hollystown and Mulhuddart** who meet age criteria as detailed in Admissions Notice
5. Children living within D15 who meet age criteria as detailed in Admission's Notice
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.***