

Holy Cross Mercy 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.mercyholycross.ie

On request: By emailing holycrossmercy@gmail.com or writing to: Holy Cross Mercy School, New Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year.

Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2026/2027 school year

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

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	20/10/2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	27/02/2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	20/03/2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	Within ten days of receipt 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***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**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 special classes which caters for children with a diagnosis of Autism.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special classes on	20/10/2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	27/02/2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	20/03/2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to the special class is*	Within ten days of receipt of offer.

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

Number of places being made available in the 2025/2026 school year

The number of available places in junior infants	69
The number of residential places is (boarding schools only)	N/A
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	N/A
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for children with <i>[insert category or categories of special education catered for in the special class]</i> ~	Early Intervention Class: 6 Junior Autism Class: 2

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 school year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for special classes that cater for children with a diagnosis of Autism for the 2025/2026 school year.
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In respect of the 2025/2026 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 16.

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:	
Number of places available	Early Intervention Class: 4 Junior Autism Class: 4
Number of applications received	Early Intervention Class: 8 Junior Autism Class: 8
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	Early Intervention Class: Criterion One : N/A for Early Intervention Class Criterion Two: Applicants with siblings currently enrolled in the school-No applications met this criteria Criterion Three: Children residing in the parish, priority eldest; – 3 places offered, 2 places accepted. Criterion Four: Children residing in the Killarney Pastoral Area, priority eldest;– 2 places offered, 2 places accepted. Junior Autism Class: Criterion One : Children who are already enrolled in the Holy Cross Mercy School Early Intervention Class, for whom special class placement in a mainstream primary school has been recommended; priority eldest;– 3 places offered, 2 places accepted. Criterion Two: Applicants with siblings currently enrolled in the school (including step siblings, resident at the same address), priority eldest; – 0 places offered, 0 places accepted. Criterion Three: Children residing in the parish, priority eldest; – 2 places offered, 2 places accepted.
Total number of offers made	10
Number of names placed on waiting list	6

