

Holy Cross Mercy School



ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2025/2026 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form.

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2025/2026 school year 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 2025/2026 School Year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2025/2026 school year:

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	October 16 th 2024
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	January 31 st 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	February 21 st 2025
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***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.**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.

Special Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2025/2026 school year:

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Special Class which caters for children with an Autism diagnosis. Holy Cross Mercy School requests that parents/guardians notify the NCSE prior to making an application for admission to the Special Classes for children with a diagnosis of Autism. This notification together with the submission of the child's relevant reports should occur as early as possible. Notification to the NCSE should be made before February 1st 2025.

Parents/guardians engaging with this process will be provided with written confirmation from the NCSE confirming the outcome of the NCSE's review of the supporting evidence provided which they can then give to Holy Cross Mercy School, as part of their application for enrolment in the Special Class.

Should your child be placed on a waiting list for a place, their personal data may be shared with the NCSE for the purposes of planning for the provision of special education placements.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	October 16 th 2024
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	February 28 th 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	March 21 st 2025
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 places being made available in the special classes catering for children with an Autism diagnosis.	Early Intervention Class: 2 Junior Autism Class: 1

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2024/2025 School Year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for the Special Classes which cater for children with an Autism diagnosis for the 2024/2025 school year.

In respect of the 2024/2025 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 12.

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/2025 school year:	
Number of places available	Early Intervention Class: 4 Junior Autism Class: 1 Senior Autism Class: 1
Number of applications received	Early Intervention Class: 9 Junior Autism Class: 2 Senior Autism Class: 1
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	<p>Early Intervention Class:</p> <p>Criterion One: <i>1.Applicants with siblings currently enrolled in the school (including stepsiblings, resident at the same address), priority eldest;- 1 place offered, 1 accepted.</i></p> <p>Criterion Two: <i>Children residing in the parish, priority eldest;- 3 places offered, 3 places accepted.</i></p> <p>Junior Autism Class:</p> <p>Criterion Two: <i>Children residing in the parish, priority eldest;- 1 place offered, 1 place accepted.</i></p>
	<p>Senior Autism Class:</p> <p>Criterion One: <i>1.Applicants with siblings currently enrolled in the school (including stepsiblings, resident at the same address), priority eldest; ;- 1 place offered, 1 place accepted.</i></p>
Total number of offers made	6
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	5 (One application was withdrawn after the closing date.)