Pelletstown Educate Together National School

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE for 2027/2028 school year

AUTISM CLASSES ONLY

Where to find the school's Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** is available on our school website (www.pelletstownetns.ie).

The application form for admission for Autism Classes for 2027/2028 is available at: www.ncse.ie and https://www.pelletstownetns.ie/enrolment from 1st February 2027.

Pelletstown ETNS is participating in the Dublin D15 Autism Class Application Trial (ACAT).
Each school parents/carers apply to will process the application in accordance with the individual school's own admissions policy. The school (not the NCSE) will let parents/carers know the outcome of their application.
The aim of the D15 ACAT is that parents/carers will only need to complete one application form for all 17 participating schools.

The schools participating are:

Roll number:	School name:
20548N	Danu Community Special School
20383H	Hansfield Educate Together National School
20309S	Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School
20137P	Mary Mother of Hope Senior National School
20392I	Pelletstown Educate Together National School
20384J	Powerstown Educate Together National School
19755L	Sacred Heart National School
18046A	Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí
18047C	Scoil Bhríde Cailiní
20241K	Scoil Choilm Community National School
17891J	Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville
19505L	Scoil Oilibhéir
00697S	St Brigid's Mixed National School
19644C	St Ciaran's National School
19435Q	St Francis Xavier JNS
19470S	St Francis Xavier SNS
18778S	St. Mochta's National School

If you have any difficulties completing the application form, please email D15ACAT@ncse.ie or attend one of our parent support sessions. A dedicated team of NCSE personnel is there to assist. Please note that completing this application d**oes not guarantee a school place**.

There are other schools in the Dublin 15 area with autism classes, but only those listed are participating in this trial. Parents/carers who wish to apply to schools not participating in the D15 ACAT should apply directly to those schools.

Part One: Admission for the 2027/2028 School Year
Autism class application and decision dates for admission to 2027/2028

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 Autism Class are subject to change dependent on whether current students in these Classes retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this Notice.*

1. D15ACAT will commence accepting application for admission to the special class on:	**1/2/2027**
2. D15ACAT shall cease accepting application for admission to the special class on:	**28/2/2027 @ 11.59pm**
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is:	**12/03/2027**
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is:	**19/03/2027**

Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 19/03/2027 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

Late Applications

Applications made after the closing date of **28/2/2027**, will be processed as **late applications** and will be
processed in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Late applications Round 1: Applications for admission received between 1/3/2027 and 31/05/2027 will be notified of the decision on these applications by 14/06/2027. Applicants must confirm acceptance of any offer of admission issued within 7 days from the date on which the offer of admission has been made. Decisions on late applications will be made in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Failure to accept an offer within the applicable prescribed period above may result in the offer of admission being withdrawn.

Applications made after 31/05/2027 for 2027/2028 school year should be made directly to schools by parents/carers. **Please note all ACAT schools are heavily oversubscribed. Please liaise with your SENO from June 2027 to identify schools opening new autism classes and/or who still have places available.**

Number of Autism Class places in Pelletstown ETNS that will be available in for 2027/2028 enrolment:	
The number of places available in the special class catering for children with Autism	**0**

Part Two: Admissions for the 2026/2027 school year **Information regarding the admission process for the Autism classes for the 2026/2027 school year**	
Breakdown of places allocated for the 2026/27 school year:	
Number of places available	**3**
Number of applications received	**70 (incl. 12 late)**
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	**Criteria 1** **0 offers** **0 acceptances** **Criteria 2** **0 offers** **0 acceptances** **Criteria 3** **1 offer** **1 acceptance** **Criteria 4** **2 offers** **2 acceptances** **Criteria 5** **0 offers** **0 acceptances**
Total number of offers made	**3**
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	**67**

(***Note:** Each autism class can usually accommodate *6* pupils, with Pelletstown ETNS having opened an additional class in 2026-2027 which caters for *3* students. With the 2 already existing autism classes, there are a *total of 15* places for students in the autism class in Pelletstown ETNS).

Pelletstown ETNS Admissions Notice for Autism Classes Appendix:

In addition to the Admissions Notice, the following is also provided for your information

Criteria for enrolment in autism class in Pelletstown ETNS: 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 and circulars, Circular_Letter_0039-2025_EN_final.pdf 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.
4. A letter of eligibility 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 autism is required for special class or special school placement.

Oversubscription priority criterion applied in Pelletstown ETNS Autism Class:
As per the school's Admissions Policy, the following priority criterion is applied in the event of there being more applicants for an available Autism class place.
Priority Category 1: Applicant students enrolled in and attending mainstream classes in Pelletstown ETNS, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class Priority Category 2: Students who have been offered a place in a mainstream class for the coming year in Pelletstown ETNS, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class Priority Category 3: Applicant students who are siblings of children, enrolled in the school at the same time who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class Priority Category 4: Applicant students living in the school planning area as defined by the Department of Education i.e. Pelletstown – to include the following areas; Phoenix Park Racecourse, Martin Savage Park, Rathborne and Royal Canal Park, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class Priority Category 5: All other applications received within the timeframe set out in the Annual Admission Notice, who meet the criteria for enrolment for the Autism class Oversubscription: In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), places will be offered or added to a waiting list by the earlier date of birth of the student. Priority ranking will be given to the child who is no older than the oldest child enrolled in the Autism Class. If there are two or more children with the same date of birth, a lottery will be used to determine the order that these places will be offered or added to the waiting list. In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), places will be offered or added to a waiting list by the **earlier date of birth of the student.**