

****3rd Public Meeting****

Shortage of Autism Classes in Secondary Schools



CRISIS PUBLIC MEETING

Monday 16th May @7:30pm
Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown
D15 EYX5

Room capacity 300+

SECONDARY SCHOOL AUTISM CLASSES IN DUBLIN 15 MUST BE OPENED NOW!

Currently in Dublin 15 there are: 30 Autism Classes in Primary Schools.(max 180 Students)
9 Autism Classes in Secondary Schools. (max 54 Students)

30 into 9 won't go!!

Secondary School Autism Class enrolment operates in the same way as in Primary School:
6 children per Autism class, with that class then closed to new students until 6th year graduation.
There is no yearly enrolment like there is for their mainstream peers.

We are very grateful for the 100% participation from Principals of Primary Schools in Dublin 15 to our survey.

Survey results for children currently in Primary School:

6th class **10** students have **NO** Autism Secondary School placement
**With less than ONE month before Secondary schools close for the year*

5th, 4th, & 3rd classes
20% will have an Autism class available to them in Secondary school

From 2022 to 2025 **OVER 35** children in these schools will **NEED** a Secondary Special School place. Danú, the new local special school for Dublin 15, is at full capacity and will not be open to new enrolment for 5 years.

This data relates to children currently in primary schools in Dublin 15 - it does not include the many students living in Dublin 15 who are being educated outside the area or on Home Tuition.

This is a **SYSTEMIC FAILURE** by the NCSE & the Department of Education. **#NCSECRISIS**

This has to end!

Forward planning is essential to ensure there are enough places for children at all stages of their education. Students with additional needs **MUST** be provided for.

Parents - SNA's - Teachers - Principals - Grandparents - Siblings - Cousins - Friends
EVERYONE

Please show your support by attending on May 16th @7:30pm Carlton Hotel, D15 EYX5



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