



# Powerstown Educate Together National School

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**Powerstown Educate Together National School  
ANNUAL ADMISSIONS NOTICE  
Autism CLASSES  
FOR 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** for the 2026/2027 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 2026/27 is available at: [www.ncse.ie](http://www.ncse.ie) and <https://www.powerstownet.com/autism-class-admission-notice/>

**Powerstown ETNS participating in the Dublin D15 Autism Class Application Trial (ACAT).**

Each school parents/guardians apply to will look at the application using its own admissions policy.

The school (not the NCSE) will let parents/guardians know the result of their application.

The aim is that parents/guardians will only need to complete one application form for all 18 participating schools.

The schools participating are :

<b>Roll number</b>	<b>School Name:</b>
00697S	St Brigid's Mixed National School
16675V	St. Lukes NS
17891J	Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville
18046A	Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí
18778s	St. Mochta's National School
19435Q	St Francis Xavier JNS
19505L	Scoil Oilibhéir
19644C	St Ciaran's National School
19755L	Sacred Heart National School
19769W	Scoil Thomais
20098I	Castleknock Educate Together National School
20137P	Mary Mother of Hope Senior National School
20241K	Scoil Choilm Community National School
20309S	Mary Mother of Hope Junior National School
20383H	Hansfield Educate Together National School
20384J	Powerstown Educate Together National School
20392I	Pelletstown Educate Together National School
20548N	Danu Community Special School

If you have any difficulties completing the application form, please email [D15ACAT@ncse.ie](mailto: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 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. **Parents/guardians who wish to apply to schools not participating in the D15 ACAT should apply directly to those schools.**

**Part One: Admission for the 2026/2027 School Year  
Autism class application and decision dates for admission to 2026/2027**

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. <b>D15ACAT</b> will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	<b>1/10/2025</b>
2. <b>D15ACAT</b> shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	<b>31/10/2025 @ 11.59pm</b>
3. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	<b>21/11/2025</b>
4. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>28/11/2025</b>

**Failure of an applicant to accept an offer by the 28/11/2025 may result in the offer being withdrawn.**

**Late Applications**

Applications made after the closing date of **31/10/2025**, will be processed as **late applications** and will be processed in accordance with the school's admission policy.

**Applications for admission received between 1/11/2025 and 13/04/2026 will be notified of the decision on these applications by 30/04/2026. 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.**

**Number of special class places in Powerstown ETNS that will be available in for 2026/2027 enrolment**

Class	Age / Class Group	Number of Spaces
Hawthorn	5 – 7 year old (Infants)	0
Elm	6 – 8 year old (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> )	0
Bramble	6 – 8 year old (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> )	0
Maple	8 – 10 year old (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> )	0
Holly	9 – 12 year old (4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> )	0

<b>Part Two: Admissions for the 2025/2026 school year</b>	
<b>Information regarding the admission process for the Autism classes for the 2025/2026 school year</b>	
<b>Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/26 school year:</b>	
Number of places available	<b>9</b>
Number of applications received	<b>89</b>
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	<b>9</b>
Total number of offers made	<b>9</b>
Number of applicants placed on waiting list	<b>80</b>

(\***Note:** Each Autism class can usually accommodate 6 pupils).

## Appendix

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

<b><u>Criteria for enrolment in autism class in Powerstown ETNS:</u></b>
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, <a href="#">Circular Letter 0039-2025 EN final.pdf</a> 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.

<b><u>Oversubscription priority criterion applied in Powerstown ETNS</u></b>
<b>To be applied in the event of there being more applicants for an available special class place. Listed in order of priority considerations</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be 4 years of age by 1<sup>st</sup> of June on year of enrolment</li> <li>2. Current students enrolled in the school</li> <li>3. Applicants who are siblings of children, enrolled in the school</li> <li>4. Students who have been offered a place in the mainstream school for the coming September who are living within the Catchment Area (Tyrrlestown, Mulhuddart, Hollystown)</li> <li>5. Students who have been offered a place in the mainstream school for the coming September</li> <li>6. Children living within the Catchment Area (Tyrrlestown, Mulhuddart, Hollystown)</li> <li>7. Children living within D15</li> <li>8. Children living outside the Catchment Area</li> </ol>
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 <b>earlier date of birth of the student</b>