



St. Declan's N.S.
ANNUAL ADMISSIONS NOTICE
in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027
school year



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A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** is available as follows: –

- To view/download at: www.decsash.ie
- On request by emailing info@decsash.ie
- On request by writing to St. Declan's N.S., Ashbourne, Co. Meath.

The **Application Form for Admission** can be accessed online via the school website also.

Please go to:

- www.decsash.ie
- Click the "School Info" tab
- Click "Enrolments"

Alternatively, you may contact the office on 018350594 for further assistance.

Application and Decision Dates for Admission to 2026/2027

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

The school will commence accepting applications for admission	1 ST January 2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission	12 noon, 22nd January 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	28th January 2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	7th February 2026

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

Applications will only be accepted for children who have reached their 4th birthday on/before the 31st March 2026.

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

Number of places being made available for Junior Infants in 2026/2027

The number of places being made available in Junior Infants is:	75
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PART 2 - Admissions for Junior Infants for the 2025/2026 school year

In respect of the **2025/2026** school year, the total number of applications for admission to Junior Infants received by the school was 167.

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/2025 school year:	
Number of places available:	81
Number of applications received	166
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criterion:	
a) Criterion 1: Siblings of children currently attending St. Declan's N.S.:	36
b) Criterion 2: Children who live within the Parish Boundary:	39
c) Criterion 3: Children living outside the Parish Boundary	0
Total number of offers made	155
Number of names placed on the waiting list for the school year concerned.	11

Applications for all other classes during the 2025/2026 school year

Applications for all other class levels during the school year September 2025 - August 2026 should be made via the school website (www.decsash.ie).

- Junior Infants 2025/2026 (this is only for children who are currently enrolled in Junior Infants and wish to apply to St. Declan's N.S. during the academic year).
- Senior Infants 2025/2026
- 1st Class 2025/2026
- 2nd Class 2025/2026
- 3rd Class 2025/2026
- 4th Class 2025/2026
- 5th Class 2025/2026
- 6th Class 2025/2026

Parents should apply for the class level that their child is currently in. Places are offered in accordance with the Admissions Policy (as ratified in June 2025). Where there are no available places, applicant's names will be added to a waiting list and will remain on this list until the 31st August 2026.