

St. Patrick's N.S Castletara**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 **Pre Enrolment Link for Admission** in St. Patrick's N.S Castletara is available as follows:

<http://castletarans.scoilnet.ie/blog/>

On request: By emailing; office@castletarans.ie or writing to: St. Patrick's N.S Castletara, Ballyhaise, H12 PK74

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 school year Application**Decision Dates for admission to 2025/2026 Intake**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants and ASD Classes

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on Thursday 14th November 2024. Request Enrolment Application Forms will be available digitally via Aladdin Connect link. This link will also be available on the school website and will be available on request by contacting 0494338225 or emailing office@castletarans.ie The link will also be on display as QR code on posters at the school entrance doors. Please ensure to enrol for the correct academic year.	
The school shall cease accepting request enrolment applications for admission for ASD classes and mainstream class at 15:00pm Friday 10th January 2025. If either class is not oversubscribed enrolments will remain open afterwards and will be on a first come first served basis. In order for an application to be considered complete the parents of the applicant must provide; • Fully completed application form via Aladdin Connect link including the applicant's PPSN and home address. • A copy of the applicant's Birth Certificate. An applicant must be at least 4 years of age on the first day of the school year for which he/she is seeking enrolment, however, the Board of Management recommends that applicants are at least four years of age on or before March 1st in the calendar year of proposed enrolment.	

Applications for ASD classes must tick that they have a psychological report recommending their child be placed in a ASD unit in a mainstream primary school setting. This report must then be attached to the enrolment link.	
The initial date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application will be Friday 17 th January 2025.	
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is; 4:00pm on the date which falls two calendar weeks after the date of offer; Friday 31 st January 2025. Failure to accept a place within the two week time frame will result in the place being offered to the next applicant on the list.	

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

Number of places being made available in 2025/2026

The number of places being made available in junior Infants mainstream class is 28
The BOM reserves the right to change this number as necessary.

Special Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2025/2026

There are currently 4 places available for the ASD classes for **2025/2026**

Number of places being made available in 2025/2026

The number of places being made available in junior infants is	28
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	N/A
The number of places being made available in the special class* catering for children with ASD is	4

This Notice was Updated by the BOM on 9th October 2024 and prepared for publication.

PART 2 - Admissions to the 2024/2025 school year

(This section should only be completed if your school intake group/ special class was oversubscribed in the previous school year)

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for [Junior Infants/1st year]/[Special Class] 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

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/2025 school year Mainstream Junior Infants	
Number of places available:	
Number of applications received:	
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	
Total number of offers made	

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/2025 school year ASD Class	
Number of places available:	3
Number of applications received:	7
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	Criteria 6.2 admissions policy pupils who live closest to the school. BOM Meeting 20th Feb 24 Following the guidelines in the Admissions policy regarding oversubscription. One child was automatically enrolled due to living closest to the school. Two applications did not meet the criteria for meeting closest to the school. The BOM then drew out the four names who all lived within a 10km radius to the school. The first two names were awarded places in the ASD class and the next two names were placed on a waiting list in order of the draw. The two applications who did not meet the criteria were then added to the waiting lists in order of distance away from the school.
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	4