



JONAH SPECIAL SCHOOL ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026/2027 is available as follows –

- To download at: www.jonahschool.ie or Jonah Special School Facebook Page
- On request – by emailing thejonahproject@hotmail.com or writing to: Jonah Special School, Old V.E.C. Building, Slieverue, Kilkenny Via Waterford, X91D6DY.

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the Jonah Special School which caters for students with Autism and Complex Needs.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special school on	1 st December 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special school on	6 th March 2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special school is	27 th March 2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	10 th April 2026

Note –

- Applications must be submitted in hard copy to the address above and must include –
 - A completed Application Form for Admission
 - A letter from the NCSE confirming that the child is known to them and that the child has the required diagnosis and recommendation for an Autism Specific Special School.
 - A psychological report that confirms a primary diagnosis of Autism as per DSM 5/ ICD-10, provided by a qualified professional with a recommendation for placement in an **Autism Specific Special School.**
- The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.
- Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.



Number of places being made available in 2026/2027

The number of places being made available in Jonah Special School is –	2
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PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 School Year

Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for Jonah Special School for 2025/2026 school year

In respect of the 2025/2026 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was –

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:	
Number of places available:	1
Number of applications received:	21
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria:	Category A: 1 Category B: 0
Total number of offers made	1
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	14

Category A-

Applicants who met criterion as per Admissions policy –

- Be at least 4 years of age and not yet 18 years of age on 1st September.
- Submitted a psychological report that confirms a primary diagnosis of Autism provided by a qualified professional.
- Reports submitted state a recommendation for placement in an ASD class setting or ASD School.
- The application form is completed correctly and fully, and all supporting documentation is submitted.
- Brothers and Sister of existing students.

Category B –

All remaining applicants (entered into a lottery)

Signed: *Caitríona Barry*

(Principal)

Seamus Phelan

(Chairperson of BOM)