

**Supplementary Information for Admissions to Special Class for pupils with Autism**  
**2026/2027**

Please note that the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) has made changes to the Admissions process for Special Classes for the 2026/2027 school year. In this regard, an additional step needs to take place before the school admissions process may commence.

Prior to applying for a place in the school's Special Class for Pupils with Autism (SCPA), parents/guardians of prospective pupils need to forward all professional reports and other relevant information to the Special Education Needs Organiser (SENO), NCSE. Only applications approved by the SENO as eligible for a place in the SCPA may be considered for enrolment. For further details on the process, please visit [Notify NCSE – Special Class/Special School Placement](#)

Upon application to the school, please only forward the application form and the approval letter from the SENO (this may also be completed online). Professional reports and other relevant details are only to be sent to the school upon offer and acceptance of a place.

In addition, please note the following:

1. The planned opening date for applications is **Wednesday, 01 October 2025.**
2. The planned closing date for applications is **Wednesday, 22 October 2025.**
3. If a child has been offered a place, it must be accepted within the time specified in the letter of offer.
4. A child's placement within a class will be reviewed at the end of each year. In consultation with the Multi-Disciplinary Team, the school will advise on the future schooling needs of the child. Please note that placement in the special class does not automatically entitle a child to placement in the mainstream school.