

## **Supplementary Information for Admissions to Special Class for pupils with Autism**

Please note the following:

1. In order to access a special class a student must have a report from a relevant professional or team of professionals (for example, psychologist, speech and language therapist, psychiatrist) stating that:
  - S/he has a disability of autism meeting DSM IV/V or ICD diagnostic criteria (please note that the special class provides an education exclusively for pupils with a diagnosis of autism), and
  - S/he has complex or severe learning needs that require the support of a special class setting and the reasons why this is the case
  - The professional report must meet DES requirements for the particular disability in question and must have been completed no earlier than **October 2021**.
2. The planned opening date for applications is **Monday, 02 October 2023**.
3. The planned closing date for applications is **Monday, 23 October 2023**.
4. All applications are referred to the *Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO)* for approval, before a pupil's admission is fully confirmed. Therefore, the date of confirmation in respect of admission will depend on the SENO.
5. If a child has been offered a place, it must be accepted within the time specified in the letter of offer.
6. 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.