



## Annual Admission Notice 2025/2026

*The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of Coláiste Chiaráin in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2025/2026. This notice was published on 10/09/2024*

**Note:** Prior to the commencement of section 62 of the Education Act 1998-2018, the school has not allocated any places in the 2025/2026 First Year Group and the Special Class. The figures below capture this.

This school will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.

This school will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

**Please See Addendum to School's Admission Policy & Admissions Notice 2025/2026 for extended enrolment timeline. (Detailed at the end of this Annual Admissions Notice)**

<b>Total number of places available in First Year Group:</b> [Note: this number is subject to reduction if a student(s) awarded a place in the Special Class is due to be part of the First year Group.]	<b>144</b>
<b>Number of places already allocated in First Year Group:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of places left in First Year Group:</b>	<b>144</b>
<i><b>Note:</b> The figures set out below in relation to the Special Class are subject to change dependent on whether current students in the Special Classes retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this Notice.</i>	
<b>Total number of available places in Special Class(es):</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Number of places already allocated in Special Class(es):</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Number of places left in Special Class(es):</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>A copy of Coláiste Chiaráin's Admission Policy is available at:</b>	School website <a href="http://www.cco.ie">www.cco.ie</a>
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cco.ie">admin@cco.ie</a>
<b>An Application Form for admission to Coláiste Chiaráin is available from 01/10/2023</b>	School website <a href="http://www.cco.ie">www.cco.ie</a>
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cco.ie">admin@cco.ie</a>



**All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Coláiste Chiaráin will only be accepted after 01/10/2024 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 13/01/2025 at 12:30 p.m. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.**

**All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups in Coláiste Chiaráin other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted after 13/05/2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 31/05/2025. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.**

**Please be reminded that, in line with the school's Admission Policy and the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018, all waiting lists going forward are only in place for the academic year to which they apply. Therefore, if a student is seeking a place in the Special Class and is not successful in a given academic year or is on a waiting list for this year, a new application must be made for the following year.**

<p><b>All applicants to the First-Year Group and/or Special Class will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:</b></p> <p>Letters of Offer will be posted on: 28/01/2025</p> <p>Letters of Refusal will be posted on: 29/01/2025</p>	<p><b>30/01/2025</b></p>
<p><b>Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:</b></p>	<p><b>05/02/2025 at 12:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.</b></p>	

***Last year the school was oversubscribed and the following is a breakdown of the award of places:***

***The number of applications to Coláiste Chiaráin for the First-Year Group exceeded the 144 places available within the school in 2023/2024***

<p><b>Number of places available:</b></p>	<p><b>144</b></p>
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<b>Number of applications received:</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Number of offers made:</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b>	<p><b>151</b> – Total offers made</p> <p><b>63</b> - Applicants who have <u>Siblings currently</u> enrolled in the school who have indicated Coláiste Chiaráin as their first preference choice in the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System Form</p> <p><b>3</b> - <u>Children of present staff</u> of Coláiste Chiaráin who have indicated Coláiste Chiaráin as their first preference choice in the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System Form.</p> <p><b>75</b> - Student <u>resides in the immediate locality</u> of the school and has indicated Coláiste Chiaráin as their first preference choice in the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System Form. The following areas are considered as immediate locality for this interpretation: Croom, Fedamore, Athlacca, Banogue, Adare, Manister, Crecora, Carnane, Meanus, Granagh, Ballingarry, Kilfinny, Patrickswell, Ballyneety, Bruff.</p> <p><b>10</b> - <u>Children from the list of traditional feeder schools</u> who have indicated Coláiste Chiaráin as their first preference choice in the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System Form.</p> <p><b>0</b>- <u>Children normally residing in the Catchment Area</u> who have indicated Coláiste Chiaráin as their first preference choice in the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System Form. The term “Catchment Area” is defined by Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom, Co. Limerick and the Department of Education and Skills and includes those who are eligible to avail of the Bus Eireann School Transport Scheme.</p> <p><b>0</b>- Applications outside of defined criteria above.</p>

<b><i>The number of applications to Coláiste Chiaráin for the <u>Special Class(es)</u> - 2023/2024.</i></b>	
<b>Number of places available:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of applications received:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of offers made:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b>	N/A



## **Addendum to School's Admission Policy & Admissions Notice 2025/2026**

There are 17 post-primary schools participating in the Limerick Area post-primary schools' Common Application System (CAS). This system is supported by participating post-primary schools, the Limerick Principals and Deputy Principals Association (LPDPA), feeder primary schools, the Department of Education and by Limerick Education Support Centre which provides the Common Application System with administrative support.

On January 9th 2025, a meeting of Principals and Deputy Principals was convened virtually through Limerick Education Support Centre. At this meeting the closing date for receipt of applications was discussed in light of the adverse weather conditions and resultant school closures.

It was unanimously agreed to extend the closing date for receipt of applications to Monday 20th January 2025 at 12:30pm. As a result of this extension, a new timetable was agreed as follows:

### **AMENDED DATES**

- **Monday 20th January 2025 at 12:30pm**  
Amended closing date and time for receipt of CAS application forms.
- **Tuesday 4th February**  
Participating schools to issue letter of offer.
- **Wednesday 12th February**  
Date by which offers are to be accepted/refused.
- **Tuesday 25th February**  
Common Registration Night – (Please note this date is unchanged)