



## Annual Admission Notice 2026/2027

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of Coláiste Chiaráin in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2026/2027. This notice was published on 23/09/2025.

<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/are due to be part of the First Year Group.  This number may also be subject to reduction in the event that a fourth Special Class is sanctioned by the Department of Education after the publication of this Admission Notice, to be opened in the school in the next academic year.	144
<b>Note:</b> The figures set out below in relation to the Special Class are subject to change depending on whether current students in the Special Class retain their place in the Special Class and whether a student(s) transfers into the Special Class after the publication of this Notice.	
<b>Total number of available places in Special Classes:</b>	4

<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> By phoning 061-397700
<b>An Application Form for admission to Coláiste Chiaráin is available from 01/10/2025 at:</b>	CAS Online Portal <a href="https://school-application.ie/">https://school-application.ie/</a>  A Link to the CAS Application Portal will also be available on our School website <a href="http://www.cco.ie">www.cco.ie</a>
<b>An Application Form for admission to Coláiste Chiaráin Special Class for Autism is available from 01/10/2025 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> By phoning 061-397700

All applications to the First Year Group in Coláiste Chiaráin will only be accepted from 01/10/2025.

- The closing date for receipt of applications for the Special Class for Autism is 10/11/2025 at 12.30pm
- The closing date for the receipt of applications through the First Year CAS system is 12/01/2026 at 12.30pm.



Applications received after these dates 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, will only be accepted from 11/05/2026 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 29/05/2026.

Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Equally, any transfer applications received during the current academic year, *i.e.* before June 2026, to transfer into a year group immediately, will be treated as a late application where the application window for transferring into the school for the academic year 2025/2026 took place during the previous academic year and anyone who did not receive a place at that time was put on a waiting list. Therefore, any available places that arise in that year group during the 2025/2026 academic year will be filled from that waiting list, until that list expires at the end of the academic year 2025/2026.

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 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>All applicants to the <b>First-Year Group</b> for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:</p>	<p><b>First Year CAS (Mainstream):</b>          Offers Posted: 27/01/2026          Refusals Posted: 28/01/2026</p> <p><b>Special Class Offers:</b>          Offers Posted: 24/11/2025          Refusals Posted: 25/11/2025</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>Acceptance of First Year CAS place: 12.30pm</b>          04/02/2026</p> <p><b>Acceptance of Special Class place: 12.30pm</b>          04/12/2025</p>
<p><b>All successful applicants must register at the Common Registration Night:</b></p>	<p>24/02/2026</p>



All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups including the Special Class, for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	12/06/2026
Successful transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups including to the Special Class, in the following academic year must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	29/06/2026
<b>Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above, or that stated on any letter of offer, may result in the offer being withdrawn.</b>	

Coláiste Chiaráin 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.

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

*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 2025/2026.***

Number of places available:	144
Number of applications received:	199
Number of offers made:	148
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 148 – Total offers made</li><li>● 64 - Applicants who have <u>Siblings</u> currently 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</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>1</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.</li> <li>● <b>72</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.</li> <li>● <b>11</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.</li> <li>● <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.</li> <li>● <b>0</b>- Applications outside of the defined criteria above.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>The number of applications to Coláiste Chiaráin for the <u>Special Class(es)</u> equalled the 2 places available within the school in 2025/2026.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Number of places available:</b></p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>Number of applications received:</b></p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>Number of offers made:</b></p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b></p>	<p>The class was established for students with Autism and both students meet the criteria.</p>