

Annual Admission Notice 2024/2025

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of Ratoath College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2024/2025.

*This notice was published on the **19th September 2023***

Note: Prior to the commencement of section 62 of the Education Act 1998-2018, the school had allocated a number of places in the 2024/2025 First Year Group and the Special Class. The figures below capture this.

Total number of places available in First Year Group:	210
[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.]	
Number of places already allocated in First Year Group:	0
Number of places left in First Year Group:	210
<i>Note: The figures set out below in relation to the Special Class are subject to change dependent on whether current students in the Special Class(es) retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this Notice.</i>	
Total number of available places in Special Classes:	18
Number of places already allocated in Special Class(es):	16
Number of places left in Special Class(es):	2

A copy of Ratoath College's Admission Policy is available at:	School website: www.ratoathcollege.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing: ratoathcollege@lmetb.ie
An Application Form for admission to Ratoath College is available from:	School website www.ratoathcollege.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing ratoathcollege@lmetb.ie

All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Ratoath College will only be accepted after the 3rd of October 2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 25th of October 2023 @ 2:00pm. 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 Ratoath College other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted after the 03/10/2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications

is the 25/10/2023. 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.

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:	15/11/2023
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:	06/12/2023
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Ratoath College 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.

Ratoath College 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 of management under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

Last year in Ratoath College the following was a breakdown of the award of places:

The number of applications to Ratoath College for the First-Year Group for the 2023/2024 academic Year was

Number of places available:	210
Number of applications received:	229
Number of offers made:	210
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	210 – Total offers made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria 1: 180 offers. • Criteria 2: 5 offers. • Criteria 3: 8 offers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria 4: 0 offers. • Criteria 5: 10 offers. • Criteria 6: 0 offers.
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<i>The number of applications to Ratoath College for the <u>Special Classes</u> exceeded the places available within the school in 2023/2024.</i>	
Number of places available:	2
Number of applications received:	8
Number of offers made:	2
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	1 – Total offers made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 offers – Within catchment area. • 0 offers – Outside the catchment area.