

Annual Admission Notice 2027/2028

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 2027/2028. This notice was published on 23/09/2026.

Total number of places available in First Year Group: [Note: this number includes any student(s) who may be awarded a place in the Special Class in the First Year Group.]	210
Note: 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 Special Class and whether a student(s) transfers into the Special Class after the publication of this Notice.	
Total number of available places in Special Classes:	4

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 01/10/2026 at:	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 from the 01/10/2026 after 9:00am and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 22nd of October 2026 at 12:00 midday. 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 from the 05/05/2027 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 26/05/2027. 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 2027, 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 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 academic year will be filled from that waiting list, until that list expires at the end of the academic year 2026/2027.

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 for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	12/11/2026
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:	03/12/2026
All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups other than to the Special Class, for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	02/06/2027
Successful transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups other than 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:	09/06/2027
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above, or as stated on any letter of offer, may result in the offer being withdrawn. Other situations where the offer of admission may be withdrawn are set out in Ratoath College's Admission Policy.	

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 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 Ratoath College for the First-Year Group exceeded the 210 places available within the school in 2026/2027.

Number of places available:	210			
Number of applications (on time) received:	252			
Number of offers made:	210			
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:				
		Mainstream	Special Class	Total
	Number of Applications	234	18	252
	Criteria 1	172	3	175
	Criteria 2	10	0	10
	Criteria 3	8	0	8
	Criteria 4	0	0	0
	Criteria 5	9	0	9
	All other applications	35	15	50
	Late Applications	19	12	31
Total of Application	253	30	283	

	Places Offered	Mainstream	Special Class	Total
	Round 1	195	8	203
	Round 2	16	6	22
	Round 3	13	3	16
	Round 4	12	10	22
	Round 5	17	3	20
	Total	253	30	283
<i>The number of applications to Ratoath College for the <u>Special Class(es)</u> exceeded the 8 places available within the school in 2026/2027.</i>				
Number of places available:	8			
Number of applications received:	18			
Number of offers made:	2			
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	As shown above			