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Appendix 2

St. Joseph's Patrician College

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE FOR 2026/27

Copies of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2025/26 school year are available as follows: –

- To download at: **www.bish.ie**
- On request: By emailing **office@bish.ie** or
- writing to: Admissions Sept 2026, St Joseph's Patrician College, Nuns' Island, Galway. H91C3X5

1. Application and Decision Dates for admission to 1st Year for 2026/27

1.	The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	Wednesday 1st October 2025
2.	The school will cease accepting applications for admission on	Thursday 23rd October 2025
3.	Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by	Thursday 13th November 2025
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	Thursday 4th December 2025

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by **Thursday 4th December, 2025** may result in the offer being withdrawn.

2. Application and Decision Dates for admission ASD Class for 2026/27.

(If the school has more than one class that caters for different categories of SEN, details of the numbers of places for each of the classes must be provided.)

1.	The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	Wednesday 1st October 2025
2.	The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	Thursday 23rd October 2025

3.	Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class by	Thursday 13th November 2025
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	Thursday 4th December 2025

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by **Thursday 4th December 2025** may result in the offer being withdrawn.

3. Number of places being made available in the 2026/27 school year

The number of places being made available in 1 st year is Approved at BOM Meeting May 20th 2024	150
The number of residential places is (boarding schools only)	N/A
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	N/A
The number of places being made available in the two special classes catering for students with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders is	1

4. Number of places in 1st year for the 2025/26 school year which were offered and accepted before 1 February 2020.

The number of places for 1 st year that were offered and accepted prior to the coming into operation of section 62 of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 on 1 February 2020 is	N/A
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5. Breakdown of applications in the previous year.

The total number of applications for admission received by the school for admission in 1st year in the 2025/26 school year was **428**.

Breakdown of places allocated for 1st Year for the 2025/26 school year:	
Number of places available	150
Number of applications received	428
Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1 (Brothers of past present students): 57 Criteria 2 : (Sons of Staff): 0 Criteria 3.1 : (Sons, grandsons of former students): 22 Criteria 3.2 : (Grandsons or nephews of teaching staff past or present):5

	Criteria 4: (Students Transferring from 6th class in Primary Schools listed in Appendix 1): 66
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	82 (On 22nd May 2025)

The total number of applications for admission received by the school for admission in the special class catering for students with [Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders] in the 2025/26 school year was **12**.

Breakdown of places allocated for Special Class for the 2025/26 school year:	
Number of places available	1
Number of applications received	12
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1: 0 Criteria 2: 0 Criteria 3: 0 Criteria 4: 1
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	3

Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed as necessary and particularly to comply with any relevant legislative changes.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management	Date: 18 th August 2025
Signed: Mr Kieran Kavanagh Chairperson of BOM	
Signed: Ms Sarah Gleeson Secretary of BOM	
Date of next review: Spring 2026	

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