



Annual Admissions Notice for 2026/2027

**School Patron:
Bishop Denis Nulty
of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin**

St. Mary's Knockbeg College

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Copies of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026/2027 school year are available as follows: –

To download at: www.knockbegcollege.ie

On request: By emailing info@knockbegcollege.ie or writing to:

The Secretary, St. Mary's Knockbeg College, Carlow. R93 RP78.

1. Application and Decision Dates for admission to 1st Year for 2026/2027

1.	The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	1st October 2025
2.	The school will cease accepting applications for admission on	22 nd October 2025
3.	Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by	11 th November 2025
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	18 th November 2025

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by the 18th of November 2025 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

2. Application and Decision Dates for admission to ASD Special Classes for 2026/2027

St. Mary's Knockbeg College is committed to the concept of inclusion. The school is committed to the provision of an educational programme which will meet the needs of all the students enrolled in the school, in so far as it is practicable.

St. Mary's Knockbeg College currently has a three classroom Special Educational Needs Base to cater for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Application forms for admission to these special classes will be available on our website or on request from the college.

1.	The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	1 st October 2025
2.	The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	22 nd October 2025
3.	Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class by	11 th November 2025
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	18 th November 2025

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by 18/11/25 may result in the offer being withdrawn. All places are offered provisionally and are subject to approval by the Special Educational Needs Officer.

3. Number of places made available in the 2026/2027 school year

The number of places being made available in First Year is	96
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder catered for in the special class is	4

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

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	80
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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 162.

Breakdown of places allocated for 1st Year for the 2025/26 school year:	
Number of places available	92
Number of applications received	162
Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1,2,3,4: 39 Criteria 5: 53 (Random by Lot)
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	60

The total number of applications for admission received by the school for admission in the special class catering for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the 2024/25 school year was 9.

Breakdown of places allocated for Special Class for the 2023/24 school year:	
Number of places available	0
Number of applications received	9
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1,2,3,4: 0 Criteria 5: 0
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	0