



## **Portmarnock Community School**

### **ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**

**in respect of admissions to the 2027/2028 school year**

#### **Admission Policy and Application Form**

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Annual Admissions Notice for the 2027/2028 school year is available to download at: [www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie](http://www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie) from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026. A hard copy of these documents is available on request by contacting the Main Office or by emailing [admissions@portmarnockcommunityschool.ie](mailto:admissions@portmarnockcommunityschool.ie). The online Application Form for Admission to 1st Year for the 2027/2028 school year, hosted on the school's admissions platform (Unique Schools/USEnrol), will be available via our website ([www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie](http://www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie)) from 1 October 2026 at 2.00pm. Note: If an applicant attends one of the listed Howth Deanery/CAPPS Education Association primary schools, the Central Application Post Primary Schools (CAPPS) form will be available through the primary schools in the Deanery, and continues to be processed manually by the school.

## PART 1 — Admissions to the 2027/2028 school year

### Application and Decision Dates for admission to 1st Year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to First Year:

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| The school will commence accepting applications for admission on                        | <b>1st October 2026 at 2.00pm</b>  |
| The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on                          | <b>22nd October 2026 at 6.00pm</b> |
| The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is:  | <b>23rd November 2026</b>          |
| The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is: | <b>By 7th December 2026</b>        |

### Special Class (ASD) Application and Decision Dates for admission to the 2027/2028 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's special class(es), which cater for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD):

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| The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on                                    | <b>1st October 2026 at 2.00pm</b>  |
| The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on                                      | <b>22nd October 2026 at 6.00pm</b> |
| The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is | <b>23rd November 2026</b>          |
| The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to the special class is              | <b>By 7th December 2026</b>        |

***\*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above will result in the offer being withdrawn.***

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

### Number of places being made available in 2027/2028

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| The number of places being made available in 1st Year is | <b>158</b> |
| The number of places available in the ASD Classes is     | <b>0</b>   |

## PART 2 — Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

In respect of the 2026/2027 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 452.

### Breakdown of places allocated for the 2026/2027 school year

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| Number of places available      | 160 |
| Number of applications received | 452 |

#### Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria:

- Category 1 (Siblings + Portmarnock resident) - 48
- Category 2 (Portmarnock resident) - 63
- Category 3 (CAPPS + Siblings) - 11
- Category 4 (CAPPS) - 09
- Category 5 (siblings, not resident) - 06
- Category 6 (children of staff) - 0
- Category 7 (past-pupil siblings) - 0
- Category 8 (past-pupil parent/guardian, capped at 25%) - 02
- Category 9 (other CAPPS Education Association schools) - 02
- Category 10 (all other applications before closing date) - 07
- Category 11 (late applications) - 03

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| Total number of offers made by the initial acceptance deadline           | 160 |
| Number of names placed on the waiting list for the school year concerned | 292 |

### Sign-off

Reviewed and recommended by the Senior Leadership Team on: 15/9/26

Approved by the Board of Management on: 22/9/26

Approved by the Patrons on: 24/9/26

Published on school website on: 24/9/26 (must be  $\geq 1$  week before applications open)

Signed: Michael Behan  
Michael Behan, Chairperson

Signed: Helen Tobin  
Helen Tobin, Principal