



DESMOND COLLEGE
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Annual Admission Notice 2024/2025

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

This notice was published 2nd October 2023. This School 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.

This school 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 under section 67 (4B) of the Education Act.

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:	100
Number of places already allocated in First Year Group:	100
Number of places left in First Year Group:	100
<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 ASD Special Class(es):	12
Total number of available places in MGLD Special Class(es):	11



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Number of places already allocated in ASD Special Class(es):	12
Number of places left in ASD Special Class(es):	0
Number of places already allocated in MGLD Special Class(es):	7
Number of places left in MGLD Special Class(es):	4

A copy of Desmond College's Admission Policy is available at:	School website www.desmondcollege.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing info@desmondcollege.ie
An Application Form for admission to Desmond College is available from 2nd October 2023 at:	School website www.desmondcollege.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	From local Primary Schools
	By emailing info@desmondcollege.ie

All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class in Desmond College will only be accepted after the 2nd October 2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 27th October 2023. 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 Special Class, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Year or Sixth Year Group in Desmond College will only be accepted after the 28th October 2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 10th February 2024. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

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:	24 th November 2023
Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer	12 th January 2024



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of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

<i>The number of applications to Desmond College for the ASD <u>Special Class(es)</u> exceeded the 12 places available within the school in 2023/2024.</i>	
Number of places available:	4
Number of applications received:	8
Number of offers made:	4
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Report recommending a place in a Special Class2. Student already in the school3. Catchment Area4. Sibling in the School5. Feeder Primary School

<i>The number of applications to Desmond College for the MGLD <u>Special Class(es)</u> exceeded the 11 places available within the school in 2022/2023.</i>	
Number of places available:	4
Number of applications received:	2
Number of offers made:	2
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Report recommending a place in a Special Class2. Student already in the school3. Catchment Area4. Sibling in the School5. Feeder Priamry School