

Annual Admission Notice 2026/2027

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of Merville Community College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2026/2027. This notice was published on

08/01/2026.

Total number of places available in First Year Group:	135
[Note: this number is subject to reduction if a student(s) awarded a place in the Special Class is due to be part of the First year Group.]	
<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 Classes 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 Special Classes:	
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Number of places left in Special Classes:	
The number of places being made available in the special classes catering for children with ASD is	4
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for children with MLD is	1

A copy of Merville Community College's Admission Policy is available at:	School website www.mervillecc.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing merville@donegaletb.ie
An Application Form for admission to Merville Community College is available from 13/01/2025 at:	School website www.mervillecc.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing merville@donegaletb.ie

All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Merville Community College will only be accepted after the **15/01/2026** and the closing date for receipt of applications is the **29/01/2026**. 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 Merville Community College other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted after the **15/05/2026** and the closing date for receipt of applications is the **29/06/2026**. 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 2026, 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 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 academic year will be filled from that waiting list, until that list expires at the end of the academic year 2025/2026

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:	12/02/2026
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:	26/02/2026
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:	12/06/2026
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:	26/06/2026
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above, or that stated on any letter of offer, may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Moville Community 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.

Moville Community 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.