

Annual Admission Notice 2026/2027

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the Board of Management of St Mac Dara's Community College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2026/2027. This notice was published on 23rd September 2025.

Total number of places available in First Year Group:	162
Number of places already allocated in First Year Group:	0
Number of places left in First Year Group:	162

A copy of St Mac Dara's Community College Admission Policy is available at:	School website https://www.stmacdaras.ie/
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing info@stmacdaras.ie
An Application Form for admission to St Mac Dara's Community College is available from 02/10/2025	School website https://www.stmacdaras.ie/
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing info@stmacdaras.ie

All applications to the First Year Group in to St Mac Dara's Community College will only be accepted from the 02/10/2025 the closing date for receipt of applications is the 23/10/2025. 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 to St Mac Dara's Community College will only be accepted from the 02/04/2026 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 30/5/2026. 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.

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:	07/11/2025
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:	21/11/2025
All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	31/08/2026
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.	

St Mac Dara's 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.

St Mac Dara's 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.

Last year the school was oversubscribed and the following is a breakdown of the award of places:

The number of applications to St Mac Dara's Community College for the First-Year Group exceeded the 168 places available within the school in 2025/2026.

Number of places available:	168
Number of applications received:	392
Number of offers made:	392
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	392 – Total offers made, of which; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55 offers – Within catchment area; • 48 offers – with siblings currently enrolled in the school; • 57 offers – Students had attended feeder schools;



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 offers – Students with previous sibling• 12 offers – Students of parents/Grandparents• 216 offers – Admissions Draw |
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