

O'Carolan College, Nobber, Co Meath A82 PK51

Updated Annual Admission Notice 2025/2026

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of O'Carolan College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2025/2026. This notice was published on 24/03/2025

Total number of places available in First Year Group: [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.]	174 (including students with access to Sonas)
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.	
Total number of available places in Sonas	18
Number of places already allocated in Special Class(es):	11
Number of places left in Special Class(es):	7

A copy of O'Carolan College's Admission Policy is available at:	School website www.ocarolancollege.ie
	School Office by post only
	By emailing O'CarolanCollege@lmetb.ie
An Application Form for admission to O'Carolan College is available from 01/04/2025	School website www.ocarolancollege.ie
	School Office by post only
	By emailing O'CarolanCollege@lmetb.ie

All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for all year groups) in O'Carolan College will only be accepted after 09.00am on 01/04/2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 4.00pm on the 22/04/2025. 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 O'Carolan College other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted after 09.00am on 06/05/2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 4.00pm on 27/05/2025. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

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 will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	28/04/2025
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:	12/05/2025
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

O'Carolan 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.

O'Carolan 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:

<i>The number of applications to O'Carolan College for the <u>First-Year Group</u> exceeded the 150 places available within the school in 2024/2025</i>	
Number of places available:	150
Number of applications received:	164
Number of offers made:	150 in Round 1
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	Breakdown of Offers for Round 1 150– Total offers made in Round 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 148 places offered covering all Categories received before the deadline. • 2 places awarded from applications received after the closing date and 14 placed on a waiting list following the random lottery.

<i>The number of applications to O'Carolan College for the <u>Special Class(es)</u> exceeded the 1 place available within the school in 2024/2025</i>	
Number of places available:	7
Number of applications received:	14 (by enrolment deadline)
Number of offers made:	7
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	1 Applicant currently enrolled in O'Carolan College and met the criteria.