

**St. Oliver's National School.**  
**ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**  
in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 school year

**Admission Policy and Application Form**

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026-2027 school year is available as follows: –

To download at: [www.stolivers.ie](http://www.stolivers.ie)

On request: By emailing: [info@stolivers.ie](mailto:info@stolivers.ie) or writing to : Principal Teacher, St. Oliver's National School, Ballycasheen, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

**PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026-2027 school year**

**Application and Decision Dates for admission to Junior Infants 2026-2027**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.</b>
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	<b>February 28<sup>th</sup> 2026.</b>
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	<b>March 28<sup>th</sup> 2026.</b>
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>April 11<sup>th</sup> 2026.</b>

**Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.**

**Special Class Application and Decision Dates 2026-2027 for St Oliver's National School**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Special Classes which caters for children with ASD/SLD/SSLD/MGLD/MD.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special classes on	<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.</b>
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the ASD special classes on	<b>February 28<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special classes is	<b>March 28<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>April 11<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>

**\*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

**Number of places being made available in 2026-2027.**

The number of places being made available in junior infants is	<b>69</b>
The number of residential places is (boarding schools only)	<b>n/a</b>
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	<b>n/a</b>
The number of places being made available in the special classes are	<b>ASD = 4 MGLD =3 MD = 3 Reading Cl. =3 Language Cl. = 3</b>

**Checklist to accompany the submission of Schools's Admission Policy to the Patron for Approval prior to the opening of the admissions process in October 2025**

**(for schools that have a Special Class)**

1. The Board of Management has updated the eligibility criteria section to reflect the addition of the NCSE Letter as detailed below

Children and young people are eligible for enrolment in a special class for *(insert category of special educational need e.g. autism)* when the following is provided in support of such an application:

Professional report(s) outlining:

- Diagnosis of special educational needs (e.g. Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi-disciplinary report))

AND

- A demonstration of the understanding of complexity of the child's overall level of need/s evidenced in the professional reports

AND

- Given the severity or complexity of the child's support needs, a clear professional recommendation as to what educational placement type would be most appropriate to best meet the child's needs, along with the rationale for same

AND

- A letter from the NCSE confirming that the child is known to them and that the child has the required diagnosis and recommendation for a special class for *(insert category of special educational need e.g. autism)*

2. The Board of Management has removed from its Admissions Policy and enrolment form the following clauses which could prevent autistic children with significant levels of need from accessing a place in a special class

<b>Reference to category of learning disability as a criterion for enrolment</b>
<b>A child's ability to participate in a mainstream class</b>
<b>Preventing children with a recommendation for placement in a special class <u>or</u> a special school from accessing a special class place</b>
<b>A prospective student's potential behaviour</b>
<b>Additional requests for reports and documentation over and above a diagnosis and professional reports confirming eligibility for the special class and</b>
<b>Admission to the special class being contingent on resources.</b>

The Board of Management of St. Oliver's NS, 19512I which has a Special Class, confirms that the above amendments have been made to our Admissions Policy and now submits a revised draft copy of the policy to the Patron for approval.



**Chairperson of the Board of Management (Signature)**



12/2/2026

**Date**