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| ***Annual Admission Notice 2026/2027*** |
| *The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of St Ailbe’s School in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2026/2027. This notice was published on 1-9-2025* |

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| **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.] | 96 |
| ***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.* | |
| **Total number of available places in Special Classes** | 2 |

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| **A copy of St Ailbe’s Admission Policy is available at:** | School website [**www.stailbes.ie**](http://www.stailbes.ie) |
| School office (for printed copy) |
| By emailing officeadmin@ailbes.com |
| **An Application Form for admission to St. Ailbe’s School is available from 01 October 2024 at:** | School website www.stailbes.ie |
| School office (for printed copy) |
| By emailing officeadmin@ailbes.com |

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| **All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups in St Ailbe’s school will only be accepted from the 1-10-2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 14-11-2025. 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 St Ailbe’s School other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted from the 1-10-2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 31-5-2025 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** |

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| **All applicants to the First-Year Group and/or Special Class will be notified by email of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:** | 21-11-2025 |
| **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:** | 5-12-2025 |
| **Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.** | |

St Ailbe’s Schoolwill 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 Ailbe’s School 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.

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

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| ***The number of applications to St Ailbes for the Special Classes exceeded the 1 place available within the school in 2025/2026*** | |
| **Number of places available:** | 1 |
| **Number of applications received:** | 9 |
| **Number of offers made:** | 1 |
| **Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:** | 9 x applicants had the correct diagnosis and a statement of current needs dated within 2 years of making the application.  2 x applicants had sibling already in the school, the place was offered to one based on need and the losing applicant was placed first on the waiting list,  All places filled at this stage.  All 9 applicants were attending feeder schools  A draw was held to order the remaining applicants some of whom withdrew their application to attend alternative schools/ASD classes. |