



Annual Admission Notice 2025/2026

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of Rath Dara Community College in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2025/2026. This notice was published on 20/09/2024.

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.]	60
Number of places left in First Year Group:	54
<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 Class(es) 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 Class(es):	6
Number of places left in Special Class(es):	6

A copy of Rath Dara Community College’s Admission Policy is available at:	School website www.rathdaracc.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing rcc@rathdaracc.ie
An Application Form for admission to Rath Dara Community College is available from 23/09/2024 at:	School website www.rathdaracc.ie
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing rcc@rathdaracc.ie

All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Rath Dara Community College will only be accepted from the 01/10/2024 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 22/10/2024. 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 Rath Dara Community College other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted from the 05/05/2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 26/05/2025. 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:	12/11/2024
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:	26/11/2024
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Rath Dara 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.

Rath Dara 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 Rath Dara Community College for the First-Year Group exceeded the 60 places available within the school in 2024/2025.

Number of places available:	60
Number of applications received:	170
Number of offers made:	70
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	70 – Total offers made <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 70 offers – Within catchment area;• 20 offers – with siblings enrolled in the school;• 50 offers – Students had attended feeder schools