

Annual Admission Notice 2026/2027

*The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the Board of Management of Gorey Hill School in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2026/27
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This notice was updated on 09/09/2026 to reflect a request from the Department of Education and Youth for additional school places in the 2026/27 school year, to be provided in new accommodation currently under construction. There are no changes, except for and increase in the number of available places in Group 1, Group 3 and Group 5.

Total number of places available in Group 1:	5
Total number of places available in Group 2:	0
Total number of places available in Group 3:	3
Total number of places available in Group 4:	0
Total number of places available in Group 5:	3
Total number of places available in Group 6:	0

A copy of the Admission Policy for Gorey Hill School is available at:	https://www.wwetb.ie/schools/gorey-hill-school/
	By emailing goreyhillschool@wwetb.ie for printed or emailed copy.
An Application Form for admission to Gorey Hill School is available from 22/01/2025 at:	https://www.wwetb.ie/schools/gorey-hill-school/
	By emailing goreyhillschool@wwetb.ie for printed or emailed copy.

All applications to Groups 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will only be accepted from the 22/01/2026 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm on 12/02/2026. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Equally, any applications received during the current academic year, i.e. before June 2026, to transfer into an existing class immediately, will be treated as a late application where the application window 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 an existing class 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.

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 child is seeking a place in Gorey Hill School 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 Gorey Hill School will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	27/02/2026
Successful applicants to Gorey Hill School must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission to Gorey Hill School by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	13/03/26
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Gorey Hill School 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.

Gorey Hill 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.

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

The number of applications to Gorey Hill School exceeded the 13 places available within the school in 2024/2025.

Number of places available:	13
Number of applications received:	
Number of offers made:	13
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<i>Example:</i> 13 – Total offers made 13 offers – Number of children aged between 4 to 18 years, who have a diagnosis of autism and complex learning needs or complex learning needs, with a professional recommendation for a special school; of which: 10 offers – Qualifying applicants, whose normal place of residence has an eircode beginning with Y25, Y14 or Y21 and for whom the school is the closest option for their needs for September 2024/25; 3 offers – Qualifying applicants, whose normal place of residence has an eircode of A67 or Y35 for whom the school is the closest option for their needs for September 2024/25;