**MERLIN WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**

**in respect of admissions to the 2024/2025 school year**

**Admission Policy and Application Form**

Copies of the school’s **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2024/2025 school year are available as follows: –

To download at: [www.merlinwoods.com](http://www.merlinwoods.com)

On request: By emailing info@merlinwoods.com or writing to:

Merlin Woods Primary School, Doughiska Road, Galway H91 D7VH

**PART 1 - Admissions to the 2024/2025 school year**

**Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2024/2025**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

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| The school will commence accepting applications for admission on: | **2nd October 2023** |
| The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on: | **3.00 pm,**  **31st January 2024** |
| The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is: | **28th February 2024** |
| The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is: | **One week** |

**\*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

**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 for admission to 2024/2025**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school’s Special Class which caters for children with ASD

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| The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the Special Class on: | **2nd October 2023** |
| The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the Special Class on: | **3.00 pm,**  **31st January 2024** |
| The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the Special Class is: | **28th February 2024** |
| The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is: | **One week** |

**\*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

**Number of places being made available in 2024/2025**

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| The number of places being made available in Junior Infants is: | **48** |
| The number of places being made available in the special class\* catering for children with ASD is: | **3** |

(**\*Note:** If school has a number of classes that cater for different categories of SEN, details of the numbers of places for each SEN class must be provided)

**PART 2 - Admissions to the 2023/2024 school year**

**Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for Junior Infants & ASD Special Class for the 2023 school year**

In respect of the 2023 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 72 for Junior Infants by 31st January 2023.

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| **Breakdown of places allocated for the 23/24 school year: Junior Infants** | |
| Number of places available: | 48 |
| Number of applications received: | 72 |
| Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria: | Criterion One: Applicants who are siblings – *27 offered, 27 accepted*  Criterion Two: Applicants who are children of staff members – *0 applications received*  Criterion Three: Applicants living in the catchment area – *21 offered, 13 put on waiting list*  Criterion Four: Applicants outside the catchment area – *11 applications received, 0 offered* |
| Total number of offers made: | 48 |
| Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned: | 24 |

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| **Breakdown of places allocated for the 23/24 school year: ASD Class** | |
| Number of places available: | 3 |
| Number of applications received: | 4 by deadline, 2 late applications |
| Total number of offers made: | 6 offered, 6 declined |
| Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned: | 0 |