**ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE FOR 2023/24**

Copies of the school’s **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form** for the 2023/24 school year are available as follows: –

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

Or by writing to: St. Mary’s Secondary School, Edenderry, Co Offaly

1. **Application and Decision Dates for admission to 1st Year for 2023/24**

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|  1. | The school will commence accepting applications for admission on  | **17th October 2022** |
|  2. | The school will cease accepting applications for admission on  |  **7th November 2022** |
|  3. | Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by  | **28th November 2022** |
|  4. | Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by  | **9th December 2022** |

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by the **9th December 2022** may result in the offer being withdrawn.

1. **Application and Decision Dates for admission to The Laochra Centre for 2023/24**

(If the school has more than one class that caters for different categories of SEN, details of the numbers of places for each of the classes must be provided.)

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|  1. | The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on  | **17th October 22**  |
|  2. | The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on | **7th November 2022** |
|  3. | Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class by | **28th November 2022** |
|  4. | Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by  | **9th December 2022** |

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by7th December may result in the offer being withdrawn.

1. **Number of places being made available in the 2023/24 school year**

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| The number of places being made available in 1st year is | **200****Including the places available under i. , ii. and iii. below** |
| 1. The number of places being made available in the special class catering for students with ASC is
 | **7** |
| 1. The number of places being made available in the special class catering for students with Moderate General Learning Difficulty is
 | **6** |
| 1. The number of places being made available in the special class catering for students with Mild General Learning Difficulty is
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Due to the granting of another ASC and approval by the Board of Management, an extra six places in the ASC have been granted as of 14/11/22. Amended number of places is now 7. A class of 24 was approved on 06/12/22.

1. **Number of places in 1st year for the 2022/23 school year which were offered and accepted before 1 February 2022**

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| The number of places for 1st year that were offered and accepted prior to the coming into operation of section 62 of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 on 1 February 2020 is  | **170** |

1. **Breakdown of applications in the previous year (only required if the school was oversubscribed in the previous year)**

The total number of applications for admission received by the school for admission in 1st year in the 2022/23 school year was 223.

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| **Breakdown of places allocated for 1st Year for the 2022/23 school year:** |
| Number of places available | 176 |
| Number of applications received | 223 |
| Offers made and accepted under each criteria | Criteria 1: 98Criteria 2: 44Criteria 3: 66 |
| Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned | 55 |

(An extraordinary meeting of the Board of Management allowed 6 extra places to bring total to 176 by May 2022.)

The total number of applications for admission received by the school for admission in the special class catering for students with mgld and asc in the 2022-2023 school year was 11.

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| **Breakdown of places allocated for Special Class for the 2022/2023 school year:** |
| Number of places available | 5 |
| Number of applications received | 7 |
| Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria | Criteria 1: Criteria 2: Criteria 3:  |
| Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned | 2 |