



Annual Admissions Notice

in respect of admissions to the 2026-27 school year

Special class catering for children with autism.

Gaelscoil Riada with the approval of the Minister for Education and Youth, has established a class to provide an education exclusively for students with autism.

Children and young people are eligible for enrolment in a special class for autism when the following is provided in support of such an application:

Professional report(s) outlining: Diagnosis of special educational needs: Autism: DSM IV/V or ICD 10/11 (psychologist, psychiatrist, multi-disciplinary report)

AND

A demonstration of the understanding of complexity of the child's overall level of need/s evidenced in the professional reports

AND

Given the severity or complexity of the child's support needs, a clear professional recommendation as to what educational placement type would be most appropriate to best meet the child's needs, along with the rationale for same

AND

A letter from the NCSE confirming that the child is known to them and that the child has the required diagnosis and recommendation for a special class for (insert category of special educational need e.g. autism)

NB – The above must be submitted when applying for a school place

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026-27 school year is available as follows: –

The school's **Admission Policy** may be viewed on our school website: www.gaelscoilriada.com

The online **Application Form for Admission** is available at

<https://www.databizsolutions.ie/AdmissionForm> . (School roll number: 20237T.)

Alternatively email the school office at runai@gaelscoilriada.com or send to **Gaelscoil Riada, Northgate Street, Athenry, H65YP95**

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026-27 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to [Junior Infants/Naíonáin Bheaga](#)

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	01/05/2026
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	18/05/2026
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	26/05/2026
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is*	05/06/2026

Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.

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

Number of places being made available in [2026-27](#)

The number of places being made available in the special class catering for children with autism is	6
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