

St. Colman's Community College, Midleton. Admissions Policy





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POLICY FOR ADMISSION

St Colman's Community College Post-Primary School

A decision on an application for admission will be based on the implementation of this Policy, the information set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school and the information provided by the Applicant in the application for admission, once received before the closing date set out in the annual Admission Notice. The Principal of St Colman's Community College is responsible for the implementation of this Admission Policy.

INTRODUCTION TO St Colman's Community College

St Colman's Community College was established in 1980 and is under the patronage of Cork ETB. The school is located in the town of Midleton and currently caters for 900 students. This number is inclusive of adult learners. St Colman's Community School is a co-educational, multi-denominational school whose Mission is to provide the best possible education for the students in our care. We want all in our school community to develop and achieve their potential in a positive atmosphere of respect, effort and fairness.

The curriculum is broad, its aim being to suit the needs, interests and diverse abilities of all of our students. Education is provided largely in mixed ability settings with subject banding as appropriate. Each student is encouraged to find expression for his/her talents and develop to his/her full potential.

The following programmes are offered at St Colman's Community College

- Junior Cycle
- JCSP
- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate
- LCA
- LCVP

Year group sizes for the academic year 2021/2022 are notified on the annual admission notice .

Class sizes at Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle will not exceed 24

Class sizes in Practical Subjects and Science subjects at Junior and senior cycle will in line with recommended guidelines

Our Mission is to provide the best possible education for the students in our care.

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The BOM of St Colman's Community College is committed to the successful implementation of education legislation, in particular the Education Act (1998), the Education (Welfare) Act (2000) and the Equal Status Act (2000). The Board fully subscribes to the principles of partnership, accountability, transparency, inclusion and respect for diversity, parental choice and equality.

The curriculum is broad, its aim being to suit the needs, interests and diverse abilities of all of our students. Each student is encouraged to find expression for his/her talents and develop to his/her full potential. The school offers a broad co-curricular and extra- curricular programme for students.

St. Colman's CC has a well-developed Pastoral Care system. Our student support team, career guidance counsellors, year heads and class teachers are central to this system. The school is committed to a positive discipline practice and the affirmation of students. A real strength of the school lies in the fact that all members of staff, teaching and non- teaching, play an important role in supporting and caring for our students.

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PART A

General Information for All Applicants

1. Glossary of Terms

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1. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

‘Applicant’ means the parent / guardian of a Student, or, in the case of a Student who has reached the age of 18 years, the Student, who has made an application for admission to St Colman’s Community College

‘Student’ means the person in respect of whom the application is being made. All uses of the word throughout this Policy therefore imply ‘prospective’ as part of the interpretation. That is, the use of the word ‘Student’ does not mean that an application or acceptance of offer makes him/her a student of St Colman’s Community College, a person is only regarded as a student of St Colman’s Community College once s/he is enrolled on his/her first day of attendance. This does not include a person formerly enrolled in the school and who is permanently excluded or who has left the school after being recommended for expulsion by the board of management.

‘Enrolled’ means attending the school as a registered student, in line with section 20(2) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000.

‘Gender’, in line with the definition of “*the gender ground*” in the Equal Status Act 2000, is such that “*one is male and the other is female*”. This does not prejudice any Student who is Intersex or identifies as Androgynous/Androgyne, Bigender, Demigender, Gender Fluid, Genderqueer, Multigender, Neutrois, Non-binary, Transgender, Transsexual or otherwise.

‘Parent’ has the same meaning as in the Education Act 1998 and includes a foster parent and a guardian appointed under the Guardianship of Children Acts, 1964 to 1997.

‘Feeder Primary Schools’ refers to the primary schools of preference for application to St Colman’s Community College. The feeder primary schools for St Colman’s Community College are:

- 1.1. Aghada NS, Scoil Iosagain, Ballynafarsid, Upper Aghada, Co. Cork
- 1.2. Ballycotton NS, Ballycotton, Middleton, Co. Cork
- 1.3. Ballycroneen NS, Ballycroneen East, Co Cork
- 1.4. Ballincurrig NS, Ballincurrig, Leamlara, Co. Cork,
- 1.5. Ballintotis NS, Ballintotis, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork

- 1.6. Carrigtwohill Boys NS, 2 Tara Ct, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork
- 1.7. Carrigtwohill Girls NS, Main Street, Carrigtwohill, Co Cork
- 1.8. Castlemartyr NS, Gortnahomna More, Co. Cork,
- 1.9. CBS, Midleton, Rosary Pl, Midleton, Co. Cork,
- 1.10. Midleton Educate Together, Broomfield West, Midleton
- 1.11. Cloyne NS, Spital, Cloyne, Co. Cork
- 1.12. Dungourney NS, Dungourney, Co. Cork
- 1.13. Gaelscoil Bán Shéain, Midleton, Co. Cork
- 1.14. Kilcredan NS, Ladysbridge Castlemartyr Co Cork
- 1.15. Killeagh NS, Main St, Killeagh Gardens, Killeagh, Co. Cork
- 1.16. Inch NS, Inch National School, Mountuniacke, Killeagh, Co. Cork
- 1.17. Leamlara NS, Leamlara, Co Cork.
- 1.18. Saleen Primary School (Scartleigh), Saleen, Midleton, Co. Cork
- 1.19. St Brigid's NS, Ashlin Rd, Castleredmond, Midleton, Co Cork
- 1.20. St John The Baptist, Connolly St, Midleton, Co. Cork
- 1.21. Shanagarry NS, Shanagarry, Midleton, Co Cork
- 1.22. Whitegate NS, Mosestown, Whitegate, Co. Cork

Note: Students attending Scoil na nÓg, Glanmire or St. Killians for one year having previously attended one of the feeder schools above are deemed to be from a feeder school.

Brothers/Sisters' refers to full siblings, half-siblings, foster-siblings and step-siblings.

'Special Class' means a class that has, with the approval of the Minister of Education, been established by a school to provide an education exclusively for Students with a category or categories of special educational needs specified by the Minister of Education. St Colman's Community College has Special Classes (Autism Spectrum) established to cater for special educational needs of Students with Autism/Autistic Spectrum ,

'Relevant Report', as advised by the Department of Education and the National Council for Special Education (NCSE), means a written report based on an assessment by a relevant professional

- a. provides detailed evidence of the Student's needs,
- b. confirms that those needs constitute complex/severe educational needs which arise from a named diagnosis relating to the Student, and
- c. makes a recommendation for a Special Class placement for the Student on the basis of his/her complex/severe educational needs arising from said diagnosis.

The relevant professional may include an educational psychologist, psychologist, other relevant health professionals, HSE disability services or HSE multi-disciplinary team staff, in line with guidance issued by the NCSE on this point

'First-Year' means the intake group of Students for the most junior class or year in a school.

'First in Family' means first child in the family. 'First in Family' also applies in the circumstance where the eldest child attends or has attended a special school.

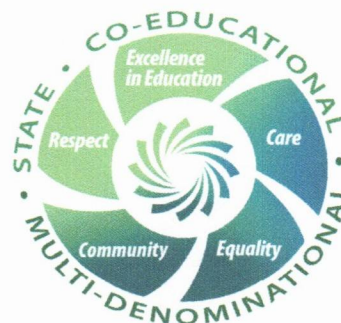
2. Admission Statement

Characteristic Spirit Statement

Cork Education and Training Board is the patron of St College Community College.

St Colman's Community College is a state, co-educational, multi-denominational school underpinned by the core values of:

- Excellence in Education;
- Care;



- Equality;
- Community;
- Respect.

As a state provider of education, Cork Education and Training Board defines a 'multi-denominational' school in the following way:

In Cork Education and Training Board schools, all students are given equal opportunities for enrolment in line with the Education (Admissions to School) Act 2018. Once enrolled, our schools strive to provide all students with equal opportunities to engage with the curriculum and school life. In all aspects of school life all members of our school communities are treated equitably regardless of their race, gender, religion/belief, age, family status, civil status, membership of the Traveller community, sexual orientation, ability or socio-economic status.

St Colman's Community College school provides a safe physical and social environment that reinforces a sense of belonging to the school community and wider society. We strive to enable every student to realise their full potential regardless of any aspect of their identity or background. Our school promotes a fully inclusive education that recognises the plurality of identities, beliefs and values held by students, parents and staff. We prepare open-minded, culturally sensitive and responsible citizens with a strong sense of shared values.

In St Colman's Community College students of all religions and beliefs are treated equally. The school environment and activities do not privilege any particular group over another whilst at the same time acknowledging and facilitating students of all religions and beliefs.

Accordingly, St Colman's Community College shall not discriminate in its admission of a Student based on the following grounds:

- 2.1. Gender of the Student or Applicant. However, where a school admits students of one gender only, it is not discriminatory to refuse to admit Students not of that gender;
- 2.2. Civil status of the Student or Applicant;
- 2.3. Family status of the Student or Applicant;
- 2.4. Sexual orientation of the Student or Applicant;
- 2.5. Religion of the Student or Applicant;
- 2.6. Disability of the Student or Applicant;
- 2.7. Race of the Student or Applicant;
- 2.8. The Student's or Applicant's membership of the Traveller community;
- 2.9. Special educational needs of the Student or Applicant. However, where the school provides education exclusively for a category or categories of special educational need(s) in a Special Class, it is not discriminatory to refuse to admit to that class a Student who does not have the specified special educational need(s).

St Colman's Community College shall not charge fees or payments or seek contributions as a condition of admission or continued enrolment of a Student.

2. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

St Colman's Community College was established under the Education and Training Board Act 2013 which sets out the functions of all ETBs, including to establish and maintain recognised schools, centres for education and education and training facilities in each ETB's functional area.

The board of management of St Colman's Community College is a committee established under section 44 of the Education and Training Board Act 2013 and also constitutes a board of management within the meaning of the Education Act 1998.

The Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 place a duty on all recognised schools to prepare and publish an Admission Policy.

The Education Act, 1998 provides for an appeal process in the event of a refusal to admit. The appeal process is set out in section 5.3 in respect of applications made to the First-Year Group and in section 6.3 in respect of applications made to all years other than the First-Year Group.

Opting Out of Religious Instruction

St Colman's Community College school offers *religious education* in all year groups as it promotes the holistic development of students and can contribute positively to their wellbeing in line with the principles of the Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle Frameworks and the model agreement. It facilitates the intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual values and moral development of students and encourages respect for all members of our school communities. In addition, *religious education* supports the 'multi-denominational' aspect of our school's ethos as it provides opportunities for students to engage with questions around their own religious or non religious beliefs and those of their peers.

It is important to understand that our school does not provide 'religious instruction' and therefore the legal requirement to advise of the option to opt-out of religious instruction does not arise in this school. There is an important distinction between 'religious instruction' and 'religious education':

- Religious instruction is a term used in Ireland to indicate instruction in accordance with the rites, practices and teachings of a particular religion or denomination for pupils of that religious tradition.

- Religious education is open to all pupils regardless of their commitment to any particular religion or worldview. It seeks to contribute to the spiritual and moral development of all students equally.

As ETB schools are 'multi-denominational', St Colman's Community College supports the provision of religious education that caters for all students regardless of their religious or non-religious beliefs.

St Colman's 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.

St Colman's Community College will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

General Admission Provisions

A decision on an application for admission shall be based on:

- the implementation of this Admission Policy,
- the annual Admission Notice of the school, and the
- information provided by the Applicant in the application for admission.

If, prior to the commencement of section 62 of the Education Act 1998 by the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 on the 1st February 2020, St Colman's Community College had confirmed, in writing, that an Applicant had been placed on a list relating to the allocation of school places for entrance before the 1st February 2025, then this confirmation is still valid and the Applicant will be offered that place.

In processing an application St Colman's Community College **shall not consider**:

- 4.1. The payment of fees or contributions to the school;
- 4.2. A Student's academic ability, skills or aptitude; unless: it is necessary to ascertain whether or not the Student has the category of special educational needs concerned for admission to a school approved by the Minister of Education providing education exclusively to Students with a specified category of special educational needs or a special class;
- 4.3. The occupation, financial status, academic ability, skills or aptitude of a Student's Parent(s)
- 4.4. A requirement that a Student or his or her Parent(s), attend an interview, open day or other meeting as a condition of admission;
- 4.5. A Student's connection to the school due to a member of his or her family attending or having previously attended the school, unless the connection is a sibling of the Student concerned attending, or having attended, the school,
- 4.6. The date and time on which an application for admission was received by the school as long as it is received during the period specified for receiving applications set out in the annual Admission Notice for that academic year.

St Colman's Community College will consider the offer of a place to every Student seeking admission to the school, **unless one of the following applies:**

- 4.7. The Parent fails to confirm in writing that s/he accepts the Student Code of Behaviour and he/she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the Student;
- 4.8. The Student seeking admission to a Special Class in the school does not have the category of special educational needs specified by the Minister of Education in respect of that class
- 4.9. There is no available space in the year group being applied for as class sizes are at maximum capacity.
- 4.10. If the Student will have attained at least 12 years of age by the 31st January of the academic year to which s/he is applying to be enrolled in the Special Class [and resides in the Catchment Area];

Where St Colman's Community College considers an application, each Student shall receive a place, unless the school is oversubscribed, in which case, selection criteria will be applied to each application.

Section 5 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for the First-Year Group.

Section 6 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for all year groups other than First-Year.

Section 7 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for the Special Classes

PART B

Information for Specific Categories of Applicants

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SECTION 5

APPLICATION TO THE FIRST-YEAR GROUP

5. APPLICATION TO THE FIRST-YEAR GROUP

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5.1. ADMISSION PROVISIONS (FIRST YEAR GROUP)

Where St Colman's Community College is not oversubscribed, all Students will be offered a school place, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.9 .

A Student applying for the First Year Group but seeking admission to the Special Class should see section 7 of this Admission Policy. If the Student is also applying for a place in the mainstream First-Year Group in the event of an unsuccessful application to the Special Class, this section 5 is also applicable.

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

5.1.1. Oversubscription

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 5.1.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where St Colman's Community College is in a position to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Students have been placed on the waiting list, subject to the provisions of section 7.1.1 regarding the Special Class

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same year group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications to all year groups other than First-Year.

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not

successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Student is admitted to the school.

5.1.2. **Selection criteria in order of priority**

St Colman's Community College will apply the following criteria for admission to the First-Year Group:

- 5.1.2.1. Brothers and sisters of students who are currently attending the school
- 5.1.2.2. Brothers and sisters of students who have attended the school in the past
- 5.1.2.3. Children who are the first in the family and attend a named feeder primary school
- 5.1.2.4. Children who are not first in the family and attend a named feeder primary school
- 5.1.2.5. All other applicants

5.1.3. **Selection process**

St Colman's Community College will apply the selection process as follows:

Applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available, the remaining Applicants are considered in light of the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process is continuously carried out against all selection criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, St Colman's Community College will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications. (see appendix 1)

N.B. The number of places available in a year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that year group, i.e. the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the mainstream year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant mainstream year group(s) are reduced¹.

5.1.4. **Late applications**

An application received by St Colman's Community College after the closing date published by the school, and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where St Colman's Community College is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may be applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.9.

Where St Colman's Community College is not oversubscribed, i.e. there is no waiting list, and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within the school, subject to sections 4.7, and 4.9, and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied i.e. an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

¹ This approach is based on section 2 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, which requires that: "A child with special educational needs shall be educated in an inclusive environment with children who do not have such needs unless the nature or degree of those needs of the child is such that to do so would be inconsistent with the best interests of the child as determined in accordance with any assessment carried out or the effective provision of education for children with whom the child is to be educated."

5.1.5. Second/third-round offers of a place

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within St Colman's Community College but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second-round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

5.1.6. Acceptance of a place

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the School's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for withdrawal of an offer as set out below.

5.1.7. Refusal

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 5.1.7.1. The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in St Colman's Community College:
- 5.1.7.2. Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the Applicant is applying is oversubscribed;

5.1.7.3. Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable; and

5.1.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7, and 4.9, an offer of admission may not be made where:

5.1.7.5. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

5.1.8. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

5.1.9. Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

5.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or

5.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or

5.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:

(i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s);

and

(ii) whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year and shall not be placed on a waiting list. If the applicant still desires a place for that academic year, a new

application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 5.1.4 above.

5.1.10. Appeals

For information relating to an Applicant's right to appeal a decision of St Colman's Community College regarding admission to the First-Year Group, see section 5.2.

5.2. APPEALS

5.2.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must first request a review by the board of management in writing, via a 'BOMR1, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of St Colman's Community College. Such a review must be brought by the Applicant within twenty-one calendar days of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing admissions@colmans.ie

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, they may apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education and under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's *'Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29'*, such an appeal must be not be brought until the Applicant has received correspondence from the board of management in relation to the review, or until 42 calendar days have passed since the date of initial refusal and may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

5.2.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to St Colman's Community College for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may first request a review by the board of management, via a 'BOMR1 Form, available from the school office, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of St Colman's Community College. Such a review must be brought by the applicant within twenty one calendar days of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this policy, same shall apply instead.

Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing admissions@colmans.ie (An applicant may withdraw a request for review at any time prior to the conclusion of the review by notifying the board of management in writing to that effect.)

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's *'Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29'*, such an appeal may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

If an Applicant who seeks a review by the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, the Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998, as outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph.

5.2.3. **Basis for a review by the board of management:**

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, any request for the board of management to review a decision of the school to refuse admission must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to appeal the decision.

SECTION 6

APPLICATION TO ALL YEAR GROUPS OTHER THAN FIRST-YEAR

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6.1. ADMISSION PROVISIONS (OTHER THAN FIRST-YEAR)

Where St Colman's Community College is not oversubscribed, all Students will be offered a school place, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.9 .

A Student applying for admission to a year-group other than First-Year but seeking admission to the Special Class should see section 7 of this Admission Policy. If the Student is also applying for a place in the mainstream year group other than First-Year in

the event of an unsuccessful application to the Special Class, this section 6 is also applicable.

6.1.1. Oversubscription

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 6.1.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where St Colman's Community College is in a position to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Students have been placed on the waiting list, subject to the provisions of section 7.1.1 regarding the Special Class

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same year group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications to all years other than the First Year Group.

"Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Student is admitted to the school.

Where the Transition Year Programme and/or Leaving Certificate Applied Programme in St Colman's Community College is/are oversubscribed, a Student applying for admission to such programm(es) in the relevant year group, will, subject to this policy, be

placed on the appropriate waiting list already compiled (annually) by the school, which list will contain the names of students enrolled in the school who have been placed on an internal waiting list for this/ese programm(es).

6.1.2. Selection criteria in order of priority

St Colman's Community College will apply the following criteria for admission to a year-group other than First-Year:

- 6.1.2.1. Brothers and sisters of students who are currently attending the school
- 6.1.2.2. Brothers or sisters of students who have attended the school in the past
- 6.1.2.3. All other applicants

See section 7 for selection criteria applicable to admission to the Special Class.

Any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not an Applicant is admitted.

6.1.3. Selection process

St Colman's Community College will apply the selection process as follows:

Applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available, the remaining Applicants are considered in light of the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process is continuously carried out against all other criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, St Colman's Community College will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.

N.B. The number of places available in a year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that year group, *i.e.* the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the mainstream year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant mainstream year group(s) are reduced².

6.1.4. Late applications:

An application received by St Colman's Community College after the closing date published by St Colman's Community College and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where St Colman's Community College is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may have been applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school. subject to section(s) 4.7 and 4.9. For the avoidance of doubt, selection criteria are not relevant to, and will not be applied to, late applications.

Where St Colman's Community College is not oversubscribed, *i.e.* there is no waiting list. and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within St Colman's Community college subject to sections 4.7, 4.9 and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date

² This approach is based on section 2 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, which requires that: "*A child with special educational needs shall be educated in an inclusive environment with children who do not have such needs unless the nature or degree of those needs of the child is such that to do so would be inconsistent with the best interests of the child as determined in accordance with any assessment carried out or the effective provision of education for children with whom the child is to be educated.*"

will be applied i.e. an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

6.1.5. Second/third-round offers of a place

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within St Colman's Community College but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second-round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

6.1.6. Acceptance of a place:

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for withdrawal of an offer as set out below.

6.1.7. Refusal:

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 6.1.7.1. The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in St Colman's Community College,

- 6.1.7.2. Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the Applicant is applying is oversubscribed,
- 6.1.7.3. Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable, and
- 6.1.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7, and 4.9, an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 6.1.7.5. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

6.1.8. Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 6.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 6.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 6.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s);
and
 - (ii) whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year and shall not be placed on the waiting list. If the applicant desires a place for that academic year, a new

application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 6.1.4 above.

6.1.9. Appeals:

For information relating to an Applicant's right to appeal a decision of St Colman's Community College regarding admission to a year-group other than First-Year, see section 6.2.

6.2. APPEALS

6.2.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must first request a review by the Board of Management via BOMR1 form available from the school office, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of St Colman's Community College. Such a review must be sought by the applicant within twenty one calendar days of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such a review is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, the same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing admissions@colmans.ie

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, the Applicant may apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's *'Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29'*, such an appeal must be not be brought until the Applicant has received correspondence from the board of management in relation to the review, or until 42 calendar days have passed since the date of initial refusal and may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

6.2.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to St Colman's Community College for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may first choose to request a review by the board of management, via a 'BOMR1 form available from the school office, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of St Colman's Community College. Such a review must be sought by the applicant within twenty one calendar days of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead.

Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing admissions@colmans.ie (An applicant may withdraw a request for review at any time prior to the conclusion of the review by notifying the board of management in writing to that effect.)

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's *'Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29'*, such an appeal may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

If an Applicant who seeks a review by the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, the Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998 as outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph.

6.2.3. Basis for a review by the board of management:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, a request for the board of management to review a decision of the school to refuse admission must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to appeal the decision.

SECTION 7

APPLICATION TO THE SPECIAL CLASS(ES)

7. APPLICATION TO THE SPECIAL CLASS(ES)

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7.1. ADMISSION PROVISIONS FOR THE SPECIAL CLASS(ES)

St Colman's Community College has a Special Class, established to cater for the special educational needs of Students with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Only applications in respect of Students whose needs fall within the category of special educational needs provided for by the Special Class will be considered. In this respect, the school requires that such severe/complex educational needs and the related diagnosis of

the Student be evidenced and verified in a Relevant Report, the mandatory elements of which are set out in the Glossary of Terms section, and which has been prepared within the 24 months immediately preceding the Student's application to the Special Class, unless the application is for First Year and the Student is already enrolled in a Special Class in primary school at the time of application, in which case the Relevant Report does not need to be dated within 24 months of the application. The school also requires documentation from the NCSE (National Council for Special Education) confirming that the Student is known to the NCSE and has the required diagnosis and recommendation for a special class, in addition to a Relevant Report.

In the event that the Special Class in St Colman's Community College is not oversubscribed, all Students whose needs fall within the category of special educational needs provided for by the Special Class and who submit the requisite Relevant Report together with the documentation from the NCSE, will be offered a place in the Special Class, subject to sections 4.7, and 4.9

Incomplete applications received by the school will not be processed under this policy.

7.1.1. Oversubscription:

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 7.1.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where St Colman's Community College is in a position to offer further places that become available in the special class for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Students have been placed on the waiting list subject to their being a place in the relevant mainstream class.

If there is not a place available in the relevant year group, the next person on the waiting list of the special class will be considered for the place in question but this will not change the initial student's place on the waiting list for a special class for the remainder of the school year, i.e if another place subsequently became available in the special class during the school year, the initial student at the top of the waiting list would be considered first,

but again subject to there being a place available in the relevant year group for that student.

For clarity, even if a place becomes available in a given mainstream year group, if there is a waiting list for that year group, the Students on that list have first refusal at the place in the year group irrespective of any matters relating to the Special Class

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the special class for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the special class in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications for the special class.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Student is admitted to the school.

7.1.2. Selection criteria in order of priority:

Applications to the Special Class will only be considered if the Student's needs fall within the specified category of special educational needs provided for by this class. Subject to

this requirement, in the event of oversubscription, the following criteria for admission to the Special Class will apply:

For admission to a year group other than first year please read section 6.1.

- 7.1.2.1. Applicants who are currently attending St Colman's Community College and have the relevant diagnosis and report/s as per application process
- 7.1.2.2. Brothers and sisters of students who are currently attending the school,
- 7.1.2.3. Brothers or sisters of students who have attended the school in the past.
- 7.1.2.4. Children who are the first in the family and attend a named feeder primary school.
- 7.1.2.5. Children who are not first in the family and attend a named feeder primary school.
- 7.1.2.6. All other applicants
- 7.1.2.7. The greatest need, as determined by the Principal in consultation with the SEN team in the school, having considered the Relevant Report in respect of the Child;

7.1.3. Selection process:

St Colman's Community College will apply the selection process as follows:

Having met the criteria for admission to the Special Class, applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the special class still has places available the remaining Applicants are considered against the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the special class. This process is continuously carried out against all selection criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, St Colman's Community College will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications. (see appendix 1)

N.B. The number of places available in a year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that year group,

i.e. the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the mainstream year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant mainstream year group(s) are reduced.³

7.1.4. Late applications:

An application received by St Colman's Community College after the closing date published by St Colman's Community College, and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where the special classes are oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school, before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may be applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school, subject to section 4.7 and 4.9.

Where the special classes are not oversubscribed, i.e. there is no waiting list, and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within the special classes, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.9, and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied i.e. an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

7.1.5. Second/third-round offers of a place

³ This approach is based on section 2 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, which requires that: "A child with special educational needs shall be educated in an inclusive environment with children who do not have such needs unless the nature or degree of those needs of the child is such that to do so would be inconsistent with the best interests of the child as determined in accordance with any assessment carried out or the effective provision of education for children with whom the child is to be educated."

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within the special classes but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second-round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the special class have been filled.

7.1.6. Acceptance of a place:

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the school's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for withdrawal of an offer as set out below.

7.1.7. Refusal:

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 7.1.7.1. The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in St Colman's Community College;
- 7.1.7.2. Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the applicant is applying is oversubscribed;
- 7.1.7.3. Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable; and
- 7.1.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9, an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 7.1.7.5. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

7.1.8. Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 7.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 7.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 7.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s);
 - and
 - (ii) whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year and shall not be placed on the waiting list. If the applicant still desires a place for that academic year, a new application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 7.1.4 above.

7.2. APPEALS

7.2.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must first request a review by the board of management in writing via a BOMR1 Form, available from the school office, <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8248c-appeals-in-relation-to-refusal-to-admit-a-student-due-to-a-school-being-oversubscribed/#how-to-seek-a-review-by-the-board-of-management>, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of St Colman's Community College. Such a review must be sought by the applicant within twenty one calendar days of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing admissions@colmans.ie

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, the Applicant may apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' [available at https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8248c-appeals-in-relation-to-refusal-to-admit-a-student-due-to-a-school-being-oversubscribed/#how-to-appeal-if-a-child-has-been-refused-admission-because-the-school-is-full](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8248c-appeals-in-relation-to-refusal-to-admit-a-student-due-to-a-school-being-oversubscribed/#how-to-appeal-if-a-child-has-been-refused-admission-because-the-school-is-full) and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education [or the appeal can be submitted online by uploading the required documentation at https://www.section29appeals.gov.ie/](https://www.section29appeals.gov.ie/) As per the Department of Education's '*Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29*', such an appeal must be not be brought until the Applicant has received correspondence from the board of management in relation to the review, or until 42 calendar days have passed since the date of initial refusal whichever is earlier, and the appeal and may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

7.2.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to St Colman's Community College for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must first choose request a review by the board of management via a 'BOMR1 Form, available from the school office or <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/31c4f-appeals-in-relation-to-refusal-to-admit-a-student-for-a-reason-other-than-the-school-being-oversubscribed/#how-to-seek-a-review-by-the-board-of-management> for it to be reviewed by the board of management of St Colman's Community College. Such a review must be sought by the Applicant within twenty one calendar days of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy.

Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office. An applicant may withdraw a request for review at any time prior to the conclusion of the review by notifying the board of management in writing to that effect.

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' [available at https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/31c4f-appeals-in-relation-to-refusal-to-admit-a-student-for-a-reason-other-than-the-school-being-oversubscribed/#how-to-appeal-if-my-child-has-been-refused-admission-and-the-school-has-places-available](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/31c4f-appeals-in-relation-to-refusal-to-admit-a-student-for-a-reason-other-than-the-school-being-oversubscribed/#how-to-appeal-if-my-child-has-been-refused-admission-and-the-school-has-places-available) and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education or the appeal can be submitted online by uploading the required documentation at <https://www.section29appeals.gov.ie/>. As per the Department of Education's

'Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29', such an appeal may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

If an Applicant who chooses to seek a review by appeal to the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, the Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998, as outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph.

7.2.3. Basis for a review by the board of management

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, any request for the board of management to review a decision of the school to refuse admission must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to appeal the decision.

Appendix 1

Lottery

In the instance where the number of applicants for a place exceeds the number of places in the school the following process should apply. The Board of Management will oversee this process. The allocation of places will be conducted at a Board of Management meeting, in the presence of an independent observer.

1. Applications will be divided into categories based on the criteria for allocation of places stated in the policy.
2. Starting with category Number 1, places will be offered to applicants. Where there are sufficient places to offer all applicants who qualify under category Number 1 a place, this will be done and the process of offering places will move on to criterion number 2.

3. The process outlined above will be repeated for the subsequent categories until the process reaches a category where the remaining number of places available is less than the number of applicants within this category.
4. Where the remaining number of available places is less than the total number of applicants within a category, the remaining places will be offered by means of a lottery involving all the applicants within this category.
5. When all available places have been allocated, the remaining applicants within the category will be placed on a waiting list in rank order based on the lottery.
6. The process of placing applicants on the waiting list in rank order will then be repeated for each subsequent category until all unsuccessful applicants have been allocated a place on the waiting list.
7. The waiting list will be recorded on school headed paper and the record will be signed in the presence of the Board of Management by the Chairperson of the Board of Management and the independent observer.

Ratification and Communication

This policy has been ratified by the Board of Management.

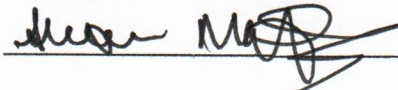
Implementation Date 11th September 2025

This policy is in effect after being signed by the Board of Management

Signed

Susan McCarthy

Date 11/09/2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan McCarthy', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Chairperson of Board of Management