

Annual Admission Notice 2027/2028

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of Coláiste Bhaile Chláir in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2027/2028. This notice was published on 01/10/2026.

Total number of places available in First Year Group: Note: this number includes any student(s) who may be awarded a place in the Special Class in the First-Year Group. This number may be subject to reduction in the event that a fourth Special Class is sanctioned by the Department of Education after the publication of this Admission Notice, to be opened in the school in the next academic year.	216
Note: The figures set out below in relation to the Special Class are subject to change dependent on whether current students in the Special Class(es) retain their place in the Special Class and whether a student(s) transfers into the Special Class after the publication of this Notice.	
Total number of available places in Special Class(es):	0

A copy of Coláiste Bhaile Chláir's Admission Policy is available at:	School website https://www.colaistebhailechlair.com School office (for printed copy) By emailing info.claregalway@gretb.ie
An Application Form for admission to Coláiste Bhaile Chláir is available from 8/10/2026 at:	School website https://www.colaistebhailechlair.com School office (for printed copy) By emailing info.claregalway@gretb.ie

All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Coláiste Bhaile Chláir will only be accepted from the 8/10/2026 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 29/10/2026. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups in Coláiste Bhaile Chláir other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted from the 04/05/2027 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 25/5/2027. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy. Equally, any transfer applications received during the current academic year, i.e. before June 2027, to transfer into a year group immediately, will be treated as a late application where the application window for transferring into the school for the academic year 2026/2027

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 that year group during the 2026/2027 academic year will be filled from that waiting list, until that list expires at the end of the academic year 2026/2027.

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 student is seeking a place in the Special Class 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 the First-Year Group and/or Special Class for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	19/11/2026
Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	26/11/2026
All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups other than to the Special Class, for the following academic year will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	21/06/2027
Successful transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups other than to the Special Class, in the following academic year must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	30/06/2027
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above, or as stated on any letter of offer, may result in the offer being withdrawn. Other situations where the offer of admission may be withdrawn are set out in Coláiste Bhaile Chláir's Admission Policy.	

Coláiste Bhaile Chláir 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.

Coláiste Bhaile Chláir 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 Coláiste Bhaile Chláir for the First-Year Group exceeded the 216 places available within the school in 2026/2027.

Number of places available:	216
Number of applications received:	411
Number of offers made:	216
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	216 – Total offers made 1. Students who have a sibling in the school – 101 2. Students of staff members - 1 3. Students whose primary residence is inside the catchment area as defined in the maps attached in Appendix 1 (Boundary is halfway between the school entrance and the next nearest post primary school transport point in each town where there is a Post-primary school) - 90 4. Students who live outside those points at 3 above but attend a primary school within those points – 19 5. All other Applicants - 5

The number of applications to Coláiste Bhaile Chláir for the Special Class(es) exceeded the 5 places available within the school in 2026/2027.

Number of places available:	5
Number of applications received:	18
Number of offers made:	5
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	The class was established for students with Autism and Moderate General Learning Disabilities, and 5 students meet the criteria.