



**Saint Mary's National School**  
Belmont Ave, Donnybrook, Dublin 4  
*and*  
Mount Eden Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

## **ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE**

**in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 school year**

### **Admission Policy and Application Form**

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026/2027 is available to download at: [www.saintmarys.ie](http://www.saintmarys.ie)

### **PART 1 - Admissions to the 2026/2027 school year**

#### **Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026/2027 school year**

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

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| The school will commence accepting applications for admission on                       | <b>6 October 2025</b>                 |
| The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on                         | <b>3 November 2025</b>                |
| The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is  | <b>24 November 2025</b>               |
| The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is | <b>24 November to 7 December 2025</b> |

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

#### **Number of places being made available in 2026/2027**

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| The number of places being made available in Junior Infants is | <b>75</b> |
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## **PART 2 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 school year**

In respect of the 2025/2026 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was 176

### **Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for Junior Infants for the 2025/2026 school year**

| <b>Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Number of places available:                                          | 75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Number of applications received:                                     | 176                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Number of Offers made and accepted under each priority category:     | <p><b>Category 1;</b> Children who are siblings (including half-siblings, and also including step-siblings and foster siblings resident at the same address) of current or former pupils of Saint Mary's NS and children who qualify as resident within the Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 (51 places accepted)</p> <p><b>Category 2;</b> Children who are not included within any of the preceding categories and who are children of current teaching staff employed by the school.<br/>(N/A)</p> <p><b>Category 3;</b> Children who qualify as resident in one of the following neighbouring parishes: the parish of the Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue, the parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Milltown or the parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Merrion Road.<br/>(14 places accepted)</p> <p><b>Category 4;</b> All other applicants who have reached the age of four on or before 1<sup>st</sup> April of the year of proposed entry to the school.<br/>(7 places accepted)</p> |
| Total number of offers made                                          | 176 – 72 accepted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned | 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |