



## Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School

### ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

in respect of admissions to the 2025/2026 school year



#### Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's **Admissions Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2025/2026 is available as follows:

**To download at:** [www.olmdrinnagh.com](http://www.olmdrinnagh.com)

**On request:** By emailing [admin@olmdrinnagh.com](mailto:admin@olmdrinnagh.com) or writing to : The School Office Manager, Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, Mourne Road, Drinnagh, Dublin 12, D12 HT22

#### PART 1 - Admissions to the 2025/2026 school year

##### Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2025/2026

The following are the dates applicable for admission to First Year

The school will commence accepting applications for admission in	<b>5<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission at	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>

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

##### Special Class Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2025/2026

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's Special Class which caters for children with a diagnosis of Autism / Autistic Spectrum Disorder

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class in	<b>5<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class at	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	<b>11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>

**\*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

#### Number of places being made available in 2025/2026

The number of places being made available in first year is	<b>72<sup>1</sup></b>
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for children with Autism / Autistic Spectrum Disorder is	<b>0<sup>2</sup></b>

Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School has made offers of school placement which have been accepted. The number of those places offered and accepted for intake group for 2024/2025 is: **3**

## PART 2 - Admissions to the 2024/2025 school year

(This section should only be completed if your school intake group/ special class was oversubscribed in the previous school year)

### Information regarding the admission process for the Intake Group for Special Class for the 2024/2025 school year

In respect of the 2024/2025 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was **5**

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2024/2025 school year:	
Number of places available:	<b>3</b>
Number of applications received:	<b>5</b>
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criterion:	<p>Aiming as we do to serve mainly our own local community and neighbourhood, in the first instance places are reserved for Group A below. Applicants from Group A have preferential access, so long as places are available. If the number of applicants from Group A exceeds the number of places available, random selection will apply and the remainder will be placed on a Group A waiting list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group A: Students already enrolled in the school.</li><li>• Group B: At the time of enrolment attending the local primary schools, Our Lady of Good Counsel Boys or Girls: <b>2</b> applications received. <b>1</b> offer made.</li><li>• Group C: First come, first served: <b>3</b> applications received. <b>2</b> offer made .</li></ul>
Total number of offers made	<b>3</b>
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned.	<b>0 (2 applicants did not meet the enrolment criteria for Special Classes under HSE/DES guidelines)</b>

This Admissions Notice was adopted by the Board of Management on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Signed:



Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Date of next review: September 2025

Signed:



Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

<sup>1</sup> Important note that this number is subject to the school being able to accommodate these numbers in line with the Department Guidelines on Class Sizes. It includes the number of students enrolled in the ASD Special Class.

<sup>2</sup> This is due to the special class catering for children with Autism / Autistic Spectrum Disorder will have 0 places in 2025/2026 as it is at capacity.

