

Annual Admission Notice 2024/2025

The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of Coláiste De Lacy in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2024/2025.

This notice was published on **18th September 2023.**

<p>Number of available places in First Year Group:</p> <p>[Note: this number is subject to reduction if a student(s) awarded a place in the Special Class is due to be part of the First year Group.]</p>	<p>180 (including students with access to Solas Centre)</p>
<p><i>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 school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this Notice.</i></p>	
<p>Total number of available places in The Solas Centre (Special Class):</p>	<p>2</p>

<p>A copy of Coláiste De Lacy's Admission Policy is available at:</p>	<p>School website www.colaistedelacy.ie</p>
	<p>School office (for printed copy) (by post only)</p>
	<p>By emailing colaistedelacy@lmetb.ie</p>
<p>An Application Form for admission to Coláiste De Lacy is available from 18/09/2023 at 10:00am:</p>	<p>School website www.colaistedelacy.ie</p>
	<p>School office (for printed copy) (by post only)</p>
	<p>By emailing colaistedelacy@lmetb.ie</p>

All applications to the First Year Group (including the Special Class in Coláiste De Lacy) will only be accepted after 09:00am on 03/10/2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 12pm on the 24/10/2023. 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 all other year groups (including the Special Class in Coláiste De Lacy) will only be accepted after 09:00am on 01/05/2024 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 12pm on the 22/05/2024. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

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 will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by:	14/11/2023
Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission to Coláiste De Lacy by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:	28/11/2023
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Coláiste De Lacy 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 De Lacy 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:

<i>The number of applications to Coláiste De Lacy for the <u>First-Year Group</u> exceeded the 180 places available within the school in 2022/2023.</i>	
Number of places available:	180
Number of applications received:	305 (by enrolment deadline)
Number of offers made:	180 (including 2 for the Solas Centre....see below)
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<p><i>Breakdown of Offers for Round 1:</i> 180 – Total offers made in Round 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Category 1 (siblings):</i> 74 offers • <i>Category 2 (Group A feeder primary school and live in catchment area):</i> 104 offers (selected by random lottery from the 137 applicants in Category 2)

<i>The number of applications to Coláiste De Lacy for the <u>Special Class(es)</u> exceeded the 2 places available within the school in 2022/2023.</i>	
Number of places available:	2
Number of applications received:	5 (by enrolment deadline)
Number of offers made:	2
Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Category 1:</i> 1 offer • <i>Category 5:</i> 1 offer