

## Annual Admission Notice 2026/2027

*The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of management of Coláiste De Lacy in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2026/2027. This notice was published on 22/09/2025.*

<b>Total number of places available in First Year Group:</b>  (Note: this number is subject to reduction if a student(s) awarded a place in the Special Class is/are due to be part of the First Year Group).	180
<b>Note:</b> 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.	
<b>Total number of available places in Special Class(es):</b>	4

<b>A copy of Coláiste De Lacy's Admission Policy is available at:</b>	School website <a href="http://www.colaistedelacy.ie">www.colaistedelacy.ie</a>
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing <a href="mailto:colaistedelacy@etb.ie">colaistedelacy@etb.ie</a>
<b>An Application Form for admission to Coláiste De Lacy is available from 23/09/2025 at:</b>	School website <a href="http://www.colaistedelacy.ie">www.colaistedelacy.ie</a>
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing <a href="mailto:colaistedelacy@etb.ie">colaistedelacy@etb.ie</a>

**All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Coláiste De Lacy will only be accepted from 09:00am on 01/10/2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 12:00pm on 22/10/2025. 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 De Lacy, other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted from 09:00am on 20/04/2026 and the closing date for receipt of applications is 12:00pm on 12/05/2026. 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 2026, 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 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 academic year will be filled from that waiting list, until that list expires at the end of the academic year 2025/2026.

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:	12/11/2025
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:	26/11/2025
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:	02/06/2026
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:	16/06/2026
<b>Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above, or that stated on any letter of offer, may result in the offer being withdrawn.</b>	

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:***

<b><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 2025/2026.</i></b>	
<b>Number of places available:</b>	180
<b>Number of applications received:</b>	303 by enrolment deadline
<b>Number of offers made:</b>	180 (including 4 for the Solas Centre (special class) .... see below)
<b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b>	<p><i>Breakdown of Offers for Round 1:</i>            Total offers made in Round 1= 180 (including 4 offers for Solas Centre)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Special Class:</i> 4 offers for incoming first year</li> <li>• <i>Category 1 (siblings):</i> 83 offers (mainstream)</li> <li>• <i>Category 2 (Group A feeder primary school and live in catchment area):</i> 93 offers (selected by random lottery from the 135 applicants in Category 2)</li> </ul>
<b><i>The number of applications to Coláiste De Lacy for the <u>Special Class(es)</u> exceeded the 4 places available within the school in 2025/2026.</i></b>	
<b>Number of places available:</b>	4
<b>Number of applications received:</b>	10 by enrolment deadline
<b>Number of offers made:</b>	4
<b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Category 1:</i> 2 offers</li> <li>• <i>Category 2:</i> 2 offers</li> </ul>