

Scoil an tSeachtar Laoch
ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE
in respect of admissions to the 2025/2026 school year
Admission Policy and Application Form

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

To download at: www.scoilantseachtarlaoch.ie

On request: By emailing 7Laoch.ias@eircom.net or writing to: Scoil an tSeachtar Laoch, Bóthar Bhaile Munna, B.A.C. 11

PART 1 - Admissions to the 2025-2026 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2025-2026 school year The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	01/10/2024
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	01/11/2024
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	11/11/2024
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	29/11/2024

***Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn**

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 2025 – 2026 school year

The number of places being made available in junior infants	26
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Children who are four years of age on or before 31st March in the year they start school will be accepted in Junior Infants. Exceptions may be made if there are available places in the class and where there are children mature enough to commence school.

Additional information regarding admissions:

The Board of Management will determine the number of children to be enrolled on a yearly basis. The school will be guided by the following factors in this decision:

- the total number of children enrolled in the school
- the Departmental guidelines for appointing staff
- other relevant conditions such as the size of classrooms, the children's health and safety, special needs among the pupils in each class □ available resources in the school

Places will be offered according to the following priorities:

- Children in the area who are being brought up through the medium of Irish and siblings / stepsiblings of current pupils of the school
- Children of permanent staff in the school
- Children in the area whose families have a particular interest in the Irish language
e.g.: at least one parent is fluent in Irish

Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:

- the child's age

- participation in relevant language/cultural activities e.g attending Irish classes

Applicants for Junior Infants must be due to be 4 years of age before the 31st March for the year for which they are applying. Priority will be given in the following order:

- Children who have attained **a level of fluency in the Irish language indicative of what would be expected of a student who uses the Irish language as a normal means of communication in a non-educational environment, taking into account the age and any special educational needs of the student concerned** and that the said fluency would be likely to regress were the student not admitted to an Irish language school.
- **A sibling / stepsibling of a pupil who is attending the school or of a pastpupil who attended the school for at least two years** who will be 4 years of age before 31st March in the year for which they are applying for a place **and the children resident in the Parishes of Our Lady of Victories and St. Pappin's.**
- Children of staff in the school
- **Other applicants whose applications were received in the timeframe outlined in our Annual Statement** who will be 4 years of age before 31st March in the year for which they are applying for a place.

- Children who will be 4 years of age ***after*** the 31st March ***but before*** the 1st September of the year for which they are applying who have attained a **level of fluency in the Irish language indicative of what would be expected of a student who uses the Irish language as a normal means of communication in a noneducational environment, taking into account the age and any special educational needs of the student concerned** and that the said fluency would be likely to regress were the student not admitted to an Irish language school.
- **A sibling of a pupil who is attending the school or of a pastpupil who attended the school for at least two years** who will be 4 years of age ***after*** the 31st March ***but before*** the 1st September of the year for which they are applying.
- **Other applicants whose applications were received in the timeframe outlined in our Annual Statement** who will be 4 years of age ***after*** the 31 May ***but before*** the 1st September of the year for which they are applying.
- Applications received outside the timeframe outlined in our Annual Statement.