



Coláiste Chú Chulainn

POLICY FOR ADMISSION

Academic Year 2025 - 2026

Adopted:
Review due:



A decision on an application for admission will be based on the implementation of this Policy, the information set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school and the information provided by the Applicant in the application for admission, once received before the closing date set out in the annual Admission Notice. The Principal of Coláiste Chú Chulainn is responsible for the implementation of this Admission Policy.

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Introduction to Coláiste Chú Chulainn

Coláiste Chú Chulainn was established in 2014 and is located in the centre of Dundalk. We serve the community of Dundalk and North Louth.

Our school was approved by DES as a second level school for up to 1,000 students. We offer Junior Cycle, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Vocational and Leaving Certificate Applied. Students are offered a broad and balanced curriculum from the traditional subjects to innovative technologies. We strive to provide a Gaeilge Medium education in our Aonad Gaeilge when there is sufficient demand and available resources.

Teaching and learning in Coláiste Chú Chulainn is centred on our guiding vision of success for all. We plan for the success of every student and set targets of attainment that engage everybody to realise and exceed their potential. We communicate with students and families about curricular and extracurricular progress.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn has excellent facilities for sports, sciences, technologies and all subject areas. LMETB is the school patron. Louth & Meath Education and Training Board is committed to excellence and innovation in the education of young people and adults through the provision of dynamic services delivered by professional staff.

We are partners with our community, building alliances with sporting and cultural groups from around the area. Our students and staff are embedded in and ambitious for the development of the region socially, educationally, economically and culturally.

Fís na Scoile

Our school's Vision Statement is built on the three strands of Vision, Values & Behaviours as adopted by our Board of Management. This statement is central to all plans, policies and routines in school.

Vision Coláiste Chú Chulainn - Success for All.

Values We **Plan** for Success for Every Student
We **Model** Success in Our Practice
We **Celebrate** Success
We are **Partners** for Success in Our Community
We **Deliver** Success for Students, Families and Community

Behaviours **We Plan for Success for Every Student**

We set and share learning intentions in our work.
We differentiate in our lessons.
We give formative feedback to our students on their work.
We use self and peer assessment in our lessons.
We engage all students in school life.

We Model Success in Our Practice

We implement LMETB and Coláiste Chú Chulainn policies in all of our work.
We are prepared for our work as students and staff.
We reflect on our professional practice and strive for improvements where identified.
We share resources, knowledge and experience.

We Celebrate Success

We praise our students for their efforts and achievements.
We hold Awards Events.
We share our stories at every opportunity.
We include the whole community in our celebrations.

We are Partners for Success in Our Community.

We collaborate with local and national enterprises.
We are active in community activities.
We invite guests to work with us in our learning.
We are inclusive of everybody.

We Deliver Success for Students, Families and Our Community

Our students achieve the best possible grades.
Our students complete their 2nd Level education in Coláiste Chú Chulainn.
Our students progress to Higher & Further Education or employment.
Our students have excellent attendance.

PART A

General Information for All Applicants

1. Glossary of Terms
2. Admission Statement
3. Legal Framework
4. General Admission Provisions (for all Applicants)

Coláiste Chú Chulainn is defined as: The Municipal District of Dundalk as defined by Louth County Council.

‘Parent’ has the same meaning as in the Education Act 1998 and includes a foster parent and a guardian appointed under the Guardianship of Children Acts, 1964 to 1997.

For the purpose of the selection criterion relating to the student having a sibling who previously attended the school, **‘Sibling’** refers to full siblings, half-siblings, foster-siblings and stepsiblings. For the purpose of the selection criterion relating to the student having a sibling currently enrolled in the school, **‘Sibling’** refers to full siblings, half-siblings, foster-siblings, stepsiblings and students who reside in the same household.

‘Special Class’ means a class that has, with the approval of the Minister of Education and Skills, been established by a school to provide an education exclusively for Students with a category or categories of special educational needs specified by the Minister of Education. Coláiste Chú Chulainn has a Special Class, established to cater for special educational needs of students with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

‘Relevant Report,’ as advised by the Department of Education and Skills and the National Council for Special Education (NCSE), means a written report, based on an assessment by a relevant professional which:

- (a) provides detailed evidence of the Student’s needs,
- (b) confirms that those needs constitute complex/severe educational needs which arise from a named diagnosis relating to the Student, and
- (c) makes a recommendation for a Special Class placement for the Student on the basis of his/her complex/severe educational needs arising from said diagnosis

The relevant professional may include an educational psychologist, psychologist, other relevant health professionals, HSE disability services or HSE multi-disciplinary team staff, in line with guidance issued by the NCSE on this point.

‘Aonad Lán-Gaeilge’ offers partial instruction through Irish in a designated number of subjects to a cohort of Students within the school.

‘First-Year’ means the intake group of Students for the most junior class or year in a school.

2. Admission Statement

Louth and Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) is the largest comprehensive educational provider in the Louth and Meath region with a range of educational services from primary to post primary and further education and training. Louth and Meath Education and Training Board is committed to excellence and innovation in the education of young people and adults through the provision of dynamic services delivered by professional staff.

LMETB manages four Community National Schools, a Community Special Schoola Centre for European Schooling, eighteen post primary schools including one school with Post Leaving Certificate provision and two dedicated Post Leaving Certificate colleges. LMETB is also joint patron of six Community Schools located in Ardee, Ashbourne, Athboy, Drogheda, Kells and Trim.

Each LMETB school and college has proven itself as a centre of excellence in teaching, learning and assessment in its local community. LMETB schools provide a welcoming atmosphere for students, staff, parents and the local communities in which they operate. The LMETB school/college experience is one where a warm relationship exists between teachers and learners and the atmosphere in lessons is positive and conducive to learning. A broad and balanced curriculum with a diverse range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities where the aptitudes of students are central to its design is available in LMETB schools. Each of these schools has built a positive reputation in the local communities in which they operate, and each school continues to enjoy strong parental support and a high level of satisfaction with the quality of teaching, learning and assessment.

At Further Education and Training level, LMETB manages Youthreach Centres, a Regional Skills and Training Centre, The Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence (AMTCE) and an extensive range of Adult Education Services throughout counties Louth and Meath, including Adult Learning Services, Community Education, Back to Education Initiatives (BTEI), VTOS and Adult Guidance. Details of all LMETB schools and centres are included on our website www.lmetb.ie. You can also read more about LMETB on our Twitter page @LouthMeathETB.

Definition of a ‘Multidenominational School’ in an ETB Context

ETB schools are state, co-educational, multidenominational schools underpinned by the core values of:

- Excellence in Education.
- Care.
- Equality.
- Community and
- Respect.



As the state provider of education, the ETB sector defines a ‘multidenominational’ school in the following way:

In ETB schools, all students are given equal opportunities for enrolment in line with the Education (Admissions to School) Act 2018. Once enrolled, our schools strive to provide all students with equal opportunities to engage with the curriculum and school life. In all aspects of school life all members of our school communities are treated equitably regardless of their race, gender, religion/belief, age, family status, civil status, membership of the Traveller community, sexual orientation, ability or socio-economic status.

Our schools provide a safe physical and social environment that reinforces a sense of belonging to the school community and wider society. They strive to enable every student to realise their full potential regardless of any aspect of their identity or background. Our schools promote a fully inclusive education that recognises the plurality of identities, beliefs and values held by students, parents and staff. We prepare open-minded, culturally sensitive and responsible citizens with a keen sense of shared values.

In ETB schools, students of all religions and beliefs are treated equally. The school environment and activities do not privilege any particular group over another whilst at the same time acknowledging and facilitating students of all religions and beliefs.

Accordingly, Coláiste Chú Chulainn shall not discriminate in its admission of a Student based on the following grounds:

- 2.1. Gender of the Student or Applicant. However, where a school admits students of one gender only, it is not discriminatory to refuse to admit Students not of that gender.
- 2.2. Civil status of the Student or Applicant.
- 2.3. Family status of the Student or Applicant.
- 2.4. Sexual orientation of the Student or Applicant.
- 2.5. Religion of the Student or Applicant.
- 2.6. Disability of the Student or Applicant.
- 2.7. Race of the Student or Applicant.
- 2.8. The Student's or Applicant's membership of the Traveller community.
- 2.9. Special educational needs of the Student or Applicant. However, where the school provides education exclusively for a category or categories of special educational need(s) in a Special Class, it is not discriminatory to refuse to admit to that class a Student who does not have the specified special educational need(s).

Coláiste Chú Chulainn shall not charge fees or payments or seek contributions as a condition of admission or continued enrolment of a Student.

3. Legal Framework

LMETB was established under the Education and Training Board Act 2013 which sets out the functions of all ETBs, including to establish and maintain recognised schools, centres for education and education and training facilities in each ETB's functional area.

The board of management of Coláiste Chú Chulainn is a committee established under section 44 of the Education and Training Board Act 2013 and also constitutes a board of management within the meaning of the Education Act 1998.

The Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 place a duty on all recognised schools to prepare and publish an Admission Policy.

The Education Act, 1998 provides for an appeal process in the event of a refusal to admit a student. The appeal process is set out in section 5.3 in respect of applications made to the First-Year Group and in section 6.3 in respect of applications made to all years other than the First-Year Group.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will cooperate with the NCSE in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for persons with Special Education Needs Act 2004 in relation to the provision of education to children with special education needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.

It is important to understand that our school does not provide 'religious instruction' and therefore the legal requirement to advise of the option to opt-out of religious instruction does not arise in this school. It is also important to understand the distinction between 'religious instruction' and religious education':

Religious instruction is a term used in Ireland to indicate instruction in accordance with the rites, practices and teachings of a particular religion or denomination for pupils of that religious tradition. Religious instruction may be provided in a denominational school setting.

Religious education is open to all pupils regardless of their commitment to any particular religion or worldview. It seeks to contribute to the spiritual and moral development of all students equally.

As ETB schools are 'multi-denominational,' Coláiste Chú Chulainn supports the provision of religious education that caters for all students regardless of their religious or non-religious beliefs and therefore does not provide religious instruction of any particular religion or belief.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

4. General Admission Provisions

A decision on an application for admission shall be based on:

- the implementation of this Admission Policy,
- the annual Admission Notice of the school, and the
- information provided by the Applicant in the application for admission.

If, prior to the commencement of section 62 of the Education Act 1998 by the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 on the 1st of February 2020, Coláiste Chú Chulainn had

confirmed, in writing, that an Applicant had been placed on a list relating to the allocation of school places for entrance before the 1st of February 2025, then this confirmation is still valid, and the Applicant will be offered that place.

In processing an application Coláiste Chú Chulainn **shall not consider**:

- 4.1 The payment of fees or contributions to the school.
- 4.2 A Student's academic ability, skills or aptitude; unless:
 - it is necessary to ascertain whether or not the Student has the category of special educational needs concerned for admission to a school approved by the Minister of Education and Skills providing education exclusively to Students with a specified category of special educational needs or a special class.
 - evidence of same is furnished by the Applicant as evidence of the Student's level of fluency in the Irish language and the school is oversubscribed.
- 4.3 The occupation, financial status, academic ability, skills or aptitude of a Student's Parent(s).
- 4.4 A requirement that a Student or his or her Parent(s), attend an interview, open day or other meetings as a condition of admission.
- 4.5 A Student's connection to the school due to a member of his or her family attending or having previously attended the school, unless the connection is a sibling of the student concerned attending or having attended school.
- 4.6 The date and time on which an application for admission was received by the school as long as it is received during the period specified for receiving applications set out in the annual Admission Notice for that academic year.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will consider the offer of a place to every Student seeking admission to the school, **unless one of the following applies**:

- 4.7 The Parent fails to confirm in writing that s/he accepts the Student Code of Behaviour, and he/she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the Student.
- 4.8 The Student seeking admission to a Special Class in the school does not have the category of special educational needs specified by the Minister of Education and Skills in respect of that class.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn considers an application, each Student shall receive a place, unless the school is oversubscribed, in which case, selection criteria will be applied to each application.

Section 5 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for the First-Year Group.

Section 6 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for all year groups other than First Year.

Section 7 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for the Special Class(es).

PART B

Information for Specific Categories of Applicants

5. *Application to the First-Year Group*
6. *Application to All Year Groups Other Than First Year*
7. *Application to the Special Class(es)*

Application to the First-Year Group

5.1 Admission Provisions (First-Year Group)

- 5.1.1. Oversubscription
- 5.1.2. Selection criteria in order of priority
- 5.1.3. Selection process
- 5.1.4. Late Applications
- 5.1.5. Second/third-round offers of a place.
- 5.1.6. Acceptance of a place
- 5.1.7. Refusal
- 5.1.8. Withdrawal of an offer
- 5.1.9. Appeals

5.2 Admission Provisions to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge (First-Year Group)

- 5.2.1. Oversubscription
- 5.2.2. Selection criteria in order of priority
- 5.2.3. Selection process
- 5.2.4. Late Applications
- 5.2.5. Second/third-round offers of a place.
- 5.2.6. Acceptance of a place
- 5.2.7. Refusal
- 5.2.8. Withdrawal of an offer
- 5.2.9. Appeals

5.3 Appeals

- 5.3.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription.
- 5.3.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription.
- 5.3.3. Basis for a review by the board of management.

Admission Provisions (First Year Group)

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed, all Students will be offered a school place, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8.

A Student applying for the First-Year Group but seeking admission to the Special Class should see section 7 of this Admission Policy. If the Student is also applying for a place in the mainstream First-Year Group in the event of an unsuccessful application to the Special Class, this section 5 is also applicable.

5.1.1 Oversubscription

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 5.1.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is in a position to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Students have been placed on the waiting list, subject to the provision of Section 7.1.1 regarding the Special Class.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same year group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications to all year groups other than First Year.

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Student is admitted to the school.

5.1.2 Selection criteria in order of priority

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the following criteria for admission to the First-Year Group:

- 5.1.2.1 If the Student resides in the Catchment Area.
- 5.1.2.2 If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school.
- 5.1.2.3 If a parent/guardian of the Student is a member of staff of the school

Note: See section 5.2.2 for selection criteria applicable to admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge. See section 7 for selection criteria applicable to admission to the Special Class.

5.1.3 Selection process

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the selection process as follows:

Applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available, the remaining Applicants are considered in light of the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process

is continuously carried out against all selection criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.

N.B. The number of places available in a year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that year group, *i.e.* the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the mainstream year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant mainstream year group(s) are reduced¹.

5.1.4 Late applications

An application received by Coláiste Chú Chulainn after the closing date published by the school, and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may be applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school subject to section(s) 4.7 and 4.8. For the avoidance of doubt, selection criteria are not relevant to, and will not be applied to, late applications.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed, ie no waiting list, and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within the school, subject to sections 4.7, and 4.8 and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied *i.e.*, an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

5.1.5 Second/third-round offers of a place.

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within Coláiste Chú Chulainn but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

5.1.6 Acceptance of a place

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of

¹ This approach is based on section 2 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, which requires that: "*A child with special educational needs shall be educated in an inclusive environment with children who do not have such needs unless the nature or degree of those needs of the child is such that to do so would be inconsistent with the best interests of the child as determined in accordance with any assessment carried out or the effective provision of education for children with whom the child is to be educated.*"

issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the School's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for withdrawal of an offer as set out below.

5.1.7 Refusal

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 5.1.7.1. The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in Coláiste Chúlainn.
- 5.1.7.2. Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the Applicant is applying is oversubscribed.
- 5.1.7.3. Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable; and
- 5.1.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7, and 4.8, an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 5.1.7.5 The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

5.1.8 Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 5.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 5.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 5.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s).
and
 - (ii) whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year (and shall not be placed on a waiting list). If the Applicant still desires a place for that academic year, a new application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 5.1.4 above.

5.1.9 Appeals

For information relating to an Applicant's right to appeal a decision of Coláiste Chúlainn regarding admission to the First-Year Group, see section 5.3.

5.2 Admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge

Coláiste Chú Chulainn operates an Aonad Lán Gaeilge, which caters for Students who wish to be educated in an Irish-medium post primary setting. Applications made *only* for the Aonad Gaeilge will be considered solely for that purpose. Applications made for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge *and* the English-medium stream will be considered for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in the first instance and subsequently the English-medium stream.

Where the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed, all Students who seek admission therein will be offered a place in the Aonad Lán Gaeilge, subject to section 4.7 and 4.8.

A Student applying for the First Year Aonad Lán Gaeilge but seeking admission to the Special Class, should see section 7 of this Admission Policy. If the Student is also applying for a place in the mainstream First-Year Aonad Lán Gaeilge in the event of an unsuccessful application to the Special Class, this section 5 is also applicable.

5.2.1 Oversubscription:

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 5.2.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is in a position to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Students have been placed on the waiting list, subject to the provisions of 7.1.1. regarding the Special Class.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same year group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications made to all years other than the First-Year Group.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether a Student is admitted to the school.

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

5.2.2 Selection criteria in order of priority:

Applications to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge will only be considered where the Aonad Lán Gaeilge was indicated on the application form provided to Coláiste Chú Chulainn by the Applicant.

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the following criteria for admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge where the Aonad Lán Gaeilge is oversubscribed:

- 5.2.2.1. The Student has attained a level of fluency in the Irish language and said fluency would be likely to regress were s/he not admitted to the Aonad. Applicants are required to provide such evidence as they consider appropriate to demonstrate the Student's level of fluency in the Irish

language and how same would regress if the student were not admitted to the school.

- 5.2.2.2. If a parent/guardian of the Student is a member of staff of the school
- 5.2.2.3. If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school.
- 5.2.2.4. If the Student resides in the catchment area.
- 5.2.2.5. If the Student has siblings who were previously enrolled in the school.

5.2.3 Selection process:

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the selection process as follows:

Having met the criteria for admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge, applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available the remaining Applicants are considered against the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process is continuously carried out against all selection criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.

N.B. The number of places available in the Aonad Lán Gaeilge for a given year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that Aonad Lán Gaeilge year group, i.e. the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in a given year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant Aonad Lán Gaeilge year group(s) are reduced.

5.2.4 Late applications:

An application received by Coláiste Chú Chulainn after the closing date published by Coláiste Chú Chulainn, and set out in the Admission Notice, will be considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may be applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school subject to section(s) 4.7 and 4.8. For the avoidance of doubt, selection criteria are not relevant to, and will not be applied to, late applications.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within Coláiste Chú Chulainn, subject to section 4.7 and 4.8, and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied *i.e.*, an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

5.2.5 Second/third-round offers of a place:

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within Coláiste Chú Chulainn but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

5.2.6 Acceptance of a place:

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for refusal as set out below.

5.2.7 Refusal:

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 5.2.7.1 The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in Coláiste Chú Chulainn.
- 5.2.7.2 Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the applicant is applying is oversubscribed,
- 5.2.7.3 Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable, and
- 5.2.7.4 Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7, and 4.8, an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 5.2.7.5. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

5.2.8 Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 5.2.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 5.2.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 5.2.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s).And

- (ii) Whether or not or s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year (and shall not be placed on a waiting list). If the Applicant still desires a place for that academic year, a new application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 5.2.4 above.

5.2.9 Appeals:

For information relating to an Applicant's right to appeal a decision of Coláiste Chú Chulainn regarding admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in the First-Year Group, see section 5.3.

5.3 Appeals

5.3.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must first request a review by the board of management in writing, via a 'BOMR1 Form', available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Coláiste Chú Chulainn. Such a review must be sought by the Applicant within twenty-one calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing colaistecc@lmetb.ie.

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, the Applicant may apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's '*Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29*', such an appeal must be brought until the Applicant has received correspondence from the board of management in relation to the review, or until 42 calendar days have passed since the date of initial refusal and may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

5.3.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to Coláiste Chú Chulainn for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may first choose to request a review by the board of management, via a 'BOMR1 Form', available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Coláiste Chú Chulainn. Such a review must be sought by the Applicant within twenty-one calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing colaistecc@lmetb.ie. (An applicant may withdraw a request for review at any time prior to the conclusion of the review by notifying the board of management in writing to that effect.)

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's '*Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29*', such an appeal may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

If an Applicant who seeks a review by the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, that Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998, as outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph.

5.3.3. Basis for a review by the board of management:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, any request for the board of management to review a decision of the school to refuse admission must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to review the decision.

Application to All Year Groups Other Than FIRST YEAR

6.1 Admission Provisions (other than First Year)

- 6.1.1. Oversubscription
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6.2 Admission Provisions to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge (other than First Year)

- 6.2.1. Oversubscription
- 6.2.2. Selection criteria in order of priority
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- 6.2.4. Late Applications
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- 6.2.6. Acceptance of a place
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6.3 Appeals

- 6.3.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription.
- 6.3.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription.
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6.1 Admission Provisions (Other Than FIRST YEAR)

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed, all Students will be offered a school place, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8.

A Student applying for admission to a year-group other than First Year but seeking admission to the Special Class should see section 7 of this Admission Policy. If the Student is also applying for a place in the mainstream year group other than First Year in the event of an unsuccessful application to the Special Class, this section 6 is also applicable.

6.1.1 Oversubscription

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 6.1.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is in a position to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which

Students have been placed on the waiting list, subject to the provisions of 7.1.1 regarding the Special Class.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same year group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications to all years other than the First Year Group.

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Student is admitted to the school.

Where the Transition Year Programme and/or [Leaving Certificate Applied Programme in Coláiste Chú Chulainn is/are oversubscribed, a Student applying for admission to such programme(s) in the relevant year group, will, subject to this policy, be placed on the appropriate waiting list already compiled (annually) by the school, which list will contain the names of students enrolled in the school who have been placed on an internal waiting list for this/ese programme(s).

6.1.2 Selection criteria in order of priority

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the following criteria for admission to a year-group other than First Year:

6.1.2.1 If the Student resides in the catchment area.

6.1.2.2 If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school.

6.1.2.3 If a parent/guardian of the Student is a member of staff of the school

Note: See section 6.2.2 for selection criteria applicable to admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge. See section 7 for selection criteria applicable to admission to the Special Class.

Any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not an Applicant is admitted.

6.1.3 Selection process

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the selection process as follows:

Applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available, the remaining Applicants are considered in light of the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process is continuously carried out against all selection criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.

N.B. The number of places available in a year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that year group, *i.e.* the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the mainstream year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant mainstream year group(s) are reduced².

6.1.4 Late applications:

An application received by Coláiste Chúlainn after the closing date published by Coláiste Chúlainn, and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where Coláiste Chúlainn is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may be applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school subject to section(s) 4.7 and 4.8. For the avoidance of doubt, selection criteria are not relevant to, and will not be applied to, late applications.

Where Coláiste Chúlainn is not oversubscribed and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within Coláiste Chúlainn, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8 and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied *i.e.*, an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

6.1.5 Second/third-round offers of a place.

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within Coláiste Chúlainn but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

6.1.6 Acceptance of a place:

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for refusal as set out below.

²This approach is based on section 2 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, which requires that: “A child with special educational needs shall be educated in an inclusive environment with children who do not have such needs unless the nature or degree of those needs of the child is such that to do so would be inconsistent with the best interests of the child as determined in accordance with any assessment carried out or the effective provision of education for children with whom the child is to be educated.”

6.1.7 Refusal:

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 6.1.7.1. The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in Coláiste Chú Chulainn,
- 6.1.7.2. Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the Applicant is applying is oversubscribed,
- 6.1.7.3. Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable, and
- 6.1.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7 and 4.8, an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 6.1.7.5. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

6.1.8 Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 6.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 6.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 6.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s).
And
 - (ii) Whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year (and shall not be placed on a waiting list). If the Applicant still desires a place for that academic year, a new application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 6.1.4 above.

6.1.9 Appeals:

For information relating to an Applicant's right to appeal a decision of Coláiste Chú Chulainn regarding admission to a year-group other than First Year, see section 6.3

6.2 Admission Provisions for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge (Other Than FIRST YEAR)

Aonad Lán Gaeilge offers partial instruction through Irish in a designated number of subjects to a cohort of Students within the school. Applications made ONLY for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge will be considered solely for that option. Applications made for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge *and* the English-medium stream will be considered for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in the first instance and subsequently the English-medium stream.

Where the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in Coláiste Chúlainn is not oversubscribed, all Students who seek admission therein will be offered a place in the Aonad Lán Gaeilge, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8.

A Student applying for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge (other than First Year) but seeking admission to the Special Class, should see section 7 of this Admission Policy. If the Student is also applying for a place in the mainstream Aonad Lán Gaeilge (other than First Year) in the event of an unsuccessful application to the Special Class, this section 6 is also applicable.

6.2.1 Oversubscription:

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 6.2.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where Coláiste Chúlainn is in a position to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Students have been placed on the waiting list, subject to the provisions of section 7.1.1 regarding the Special Class.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same year group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications made to all years other than the First-Year Group.

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Student is admitted to the school.

Where the Transition Year Programme and/or Leaving Certificate Applied Programme in Coláiste Chúlainn is/are oversubscribed, a Student applying for admission to such programm(es) in the relevant year group, will, subject to this policy, be placed on the appropriate waiting list already compiled (annually) by the school, which list will contain the names of students enrolled in the school who have been placed on an internal waiting list for this/ese programm(es).

6.2.2 Selection criteria in order of priority:

Applications to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge will only be considered where the Aonad Lán Gaeilge was indicated on the application form provided to Coláiste Chúlainn by the Applicant.

Coláiste Chúlainn will apply the following criteria for admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge where the Aonad Lán Gaeilge is oversubscribed:

- 6.2.2.1 The Student has attained a level of fluency in the Irish language and said fluency would be likely to regress were s/he not admitted to the Aonad. Applicants are required to provide such evidence as they consider appropriate to demonstrate the Student's level of fluency in the Irish language and how same would regress if the student were not admitted to the school.
- 6.2.2.2 If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school.

- 6.2.2.3 If the Student resides in the catchment area.
- 6.2.2.4 If a parent/guardian of the Student is a member of staff of the school
- 6.2.2.5 If the Student has siblings who were previously enrolled in the school.

6.2.3 Selection process:

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the selection process as follows:

Applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available, the remaining Applicants are considered in light of the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process is continuously carried out against all selection criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.

N.B. The number of places available in the Aonad Lán Gaeilge for a given year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that Aonad Lán Gaeilge year group, *i.e.* the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in a given year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant Aonad Lán Gaeilge year group(s) are reduced.³

6.2.4 Late Applications

An application received by Coláiste Chú Chulainn after the closing date published by Coláiste Chú Chulainn, and set out in the Admission Notice, will be considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may be applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school subject to section(s) 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9. For the avoidance of doubt, selection criteria are not relevant to, and will not be applied to, late applications.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within Coláiste Chú Chulainn, subject to section 4.7 and 4.8, and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied *i.e.*, an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

³This approach is based on section 2 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, which requires that: “A child with special educational needs shall be educated in an inclusive environment with children who do not have such needs unless the nature or degree of those needs of the child is such that to do so would be inconsistent with the best interests of the child as determined in accordance with any assessment carried out or the effective provision of education for children with whom the child is to be educated.”

6.2.5 Second/third-round offers of a place.

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within Coláiste Chú Chulainn but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

6.2.6 Acceptance of a place:

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school. The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for refusal as set out below.

6.2.7 Refusal

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 6.2.7.1. The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in Coláiste Chú Chulainn.
- 6.2.7.2. Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the Applicant is applying is oversubscribed.
- 6.2.7.3. Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable; and
- 6.2.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7 and 4.8 an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 6.2.7.5 The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

6.2.8 Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 6.2.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 6.2.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 6.2.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s). and
 - (ii) whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year (and shall not be placed on a waiting list). If the Applicant still desires a place for that academic year, a new application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 6.2.4 above.

6.2.9 Appeals

For information relating to an Applicant's right to appeal a decision of Coláiste Chú Chulainn regarding admission to the Aonad Lán Gaeilge in all years other than the First-Year Group, see section 6.3.

6.3 Appeals

6.3.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must first request a review by the board of management in writing, via a 'BOMR1 Form', available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Coláiste Chú Chulainn. Such a review must be sought by the Applicant within twenty-one calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing colaistecc@lmetb.ie.

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, the Applicant may apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's '*Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29*', such an appeal must be brought until the Applicant has received correspondence from the board of management in relation to the review, or until 42 calendar days have passed since the date of initial refusal and may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

6.3.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to Coláiste Chú Chulainn for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may first choose to request a review by the board of management, via a 'BOMR1 Form', available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Coláiste Chú Chulainn. Such a review must be sought by the Applicant within twenty-one calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing colaistecc@lmetb.ie. (An applicant may withdraw a request for review at any time prior to the conclusion of the review by notifying the board of management in writing to that effect.)

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's '*Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29*', such an appeal may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

If an Applicant who seeks a review by the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, that Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an appeals

committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998, as outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph.

6.3.3. Basis for a review by the board of management:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, any request for the board of management to review a decision of the school to refuse admission must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to review the decision.

Application to the Special Class(es)

7.1 Admission Provisions for the Special Class(es)

- 7.1.1. Oversubscription
- 7.1.2. Selection criteria in order of priority
- 7.1.3. Selection process
- 7.1.4. Late Applications
- 7.1.5. Second/third-round offers of a place.
- 7.1.6. Acceptance of a place
- 7.1.7. Refusal
- 7.1.8. Withdrawal of an offer

7.2 Appeals

- 7.2.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription.
- 7.2.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription.
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Admission Provisions for the Special Class(es)

Coláiste Chú Chulainn has Special Classes, established to cater for the special educational needs of Students with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Only applications in respect of Students whose needs fall within the category of special educational needs provided for by the Special Class will be considered. In this respect, the school requires that such severe/complex educational needs and the related diagnosis of the Student be evidenced and verified in a Relevant Report, the mandatory elements of which are set out in the Glossary of Terms section, which has been prepared within the 24 months immediately preceding the Student's application to the Special Class.

Where the Special Class in Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed, all Students whose needs fall within the category of special educational needs provided for by the Special Class, as confirmed by NCSE, will be offered a place in the Special Class, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8.

7.1.1 Oversubscription:

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 7.1.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is in a position to offer further places that become available in the Special Class for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Students have been placed on the waiting list subject to there being a place in the relevant mainstream year group. If there is not a place available in the relevant year group, the next person on the waiting list for the Special Class will be considered for the place in question but this will not change the initial Student's place on the waiting list for the Special Class for the remainder of that school year, i.e. if another place subsequently became available in the Special Class during that school year, the initial Student at the top of the waiting list would be considered first, but again subject to there being a place in the relevant year group for that Student.

For clarity, even if a place becomes available in a given mainstream year group, if there is a waiting list for that year group, the Students on that list have first refusal at the place in the year group irrespective of any matters relating to the Special Class

Where an application is made on behalf of a Student for both the Special Class and a mainstream year group, and his/her application for one but not both is successful, s/he will remain in the same position on the waiting list for the group to which s/he was not successful, regardless of whether the Applicant accepts the place in the group to which the Student was successful.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Student does not receive a place in the Special Class for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to Special Class in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Student during

the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications for the Special Class.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Student is admitted to the school.

7.1.2 Selection criteria in order of priority:

Applications to the Special Class will only be considered if the student's needs fall within the specified category of special educational needs provided for by this class. Subject to this requirement, in the event of oversubscription, the following criteria for admission to the Special Class will apply:

- 7.1.2.1 If the Student resides in the catchment area.
- 7.1.2.2 If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school.
- 7.1.2.3 If a parent/guardian of the Student is a member of staff of the school

7.1.3 Selection process:

Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply the selection process as follows:

Having met the criteria for admission to the Special Class, applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available the remaining Applicants are considered against the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the Special Class. This process is continuously carried out against all selection criteria until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications have met the same number of selection criteria and are tied for a place, Coláiste Chú Chulainn will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.

N.B. The number of places available in a year group is subject to reduction in the event that a placement(s) in the Special Class is/are given to Student(s) from that year group, i.e. the selection process for the Special Class will be completed before the selection process for the mainstream year group and the number of Students who are offered a place in the Special Class will be the number by which the places in the relevant mainstream year group(s) are reduced.⁴

7.1.4 Late applications:

An application received by Coláiste Chú Chulainn after the closing date published by Coláiste Chú Chulainn, and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were

⁴ This approach is based on section 2 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, which requires that: "A child with special educational needs shall be educated in an inclusive environment with children who do not have such needs unless the nature or degree of those needs of the child is such that to do so would be inconsistent with the best interests of the child as determined in accordance with any assessment carried out or the effective provision of education for children with whom the child is to be educated."

received by the school before the closing date for applications, irrespective of any selection criteria which may be applied to applications received before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8.

Where Coláiste Chú Chulainn is not oversubscribed and it receives a late application, the Student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within Coláiste Chú Chulainn, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8, and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied *i.e.*, an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

7.1.5 Second/third-round offers of a place.

Where a Student is in receipt of an offer of a place within Coláiste Chú Chulainn but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Student on the waiting list in a second round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the Special Class have been filled.

7.1.6 Acceptance of a place:

If the Student in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the school's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for withdrawal of an offer, as set out below.

7.1.7 Refusal:

Where a Student in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 7.1.7.1 The reasons that the Student was not offered a place in Coláiste Chú Chulainn.
- 7.1.7.2 Details of the Student's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the year-group to which the applicant is applying is oversubscribed.
- 7.1.7.3 Details of the Student's place on the waiting list, if applicable; and
- 7.1.7.4 Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.7 and 4.8 an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 7.1.7.5 The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

7.1.8 Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 7.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or

- 7.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 7.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
- (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s).
and
 - (ii) whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Student on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place for that academic year (and shall not be placed on a waiting list). If the Applicant still desires a place for that academic year, a new application must be made for the same academic year on behalf of that Student and shall be treated as a late application in line with section 7.1.4 above.

7.2 Appeals

7.2.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must first request a review by the board of management in writing, via a 'BOMR1 Form,' available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Coláiste Chú Chulainn. Such a review must be sought by the Applicant within twenty-one calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing colaistecc@lmetb.ie.

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, the Applicant may apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's '*Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29*', such an appeal must not be brought until the Applicant has received correspondence from the board of management in relation to the review, or until 42 calendar days have passed since the date of initial refusal and may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

7.2.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to Coláiste Chú Chulainn for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may first choose to request a review by the board of management, via a 'BOMR1 Form', available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Coláiste Chú Chulainn. Such a review must be sought by the Applicant within twenty-one calendar days.

of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead. Completed BOMR1 Forms should be submitted to the school office or online by emailing colaistecc@lmetb.ie. (An applicant may withdraw a request for review at any time prior to the conclusion of the review by notifying the board of management in writing to that effect.)

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing on a 'Section 29 Appeal Form' and must be submitted to the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. The 'Section 29 Appeal Form' may be downloaded from the Department's website or may be obtained directly from the Section 29 Appeals Administration Unit in the Department of Education. Contact details for the Unit are available on the Department's website. As per the Department of Education's 'Procedures for hearing and determining appeals under section 29', such an appeal may not be brought later than 63 calendar days after the initial decision to refuse admission.

If an Applicant who seeks a review by the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, that Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an Appeals Committee established by the Minister for Education under section 29A of the Education Act 1998, as outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph.

7.2.3. Basis for a review by the board of management:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, any request for the board of management to review a decision of the school to refuse admission must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to review the decision.

Management Policy Consultation Log

Please present this form to your BOM when considering the policy at BOM level for ratification

School:	<i>Coláiste Chú Chulainn</i>
Policy:	<i>School Admissions Policy</i>

Staff Consultation:

<i>Date of Final Consultation:</i>	<i>4th September 2024</i>
<i>Proposed By:</i>	<i>Andrea Mullins</i>
<i>Seconded By:</i>	<i>Aoife McCooey</i>

Parents Consultation:

<i>Date of Final Consultation:</i>	<i>4th September 2024</i>
<i>Proposed By:</i>	<i>Yvonne Mefor</i>
<i>Seconded By:</i>	<i>Mark Mahne</i>

<i>Date Ratified by the Board of Management:</i>	<i>16th September 2024</i>
<i>Proposed By:</i>	<i>Dan Toole</i>
<i>Seconded By:</i>	<i>Yvonne Mefor</i>
<i>Signed:</i>	
<i>Scheduled Date for Review of the Policy:</i>	<i>August 2025</i>

BOM & LMETB Ratification/Resolution Process for This Policy

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<i>Proposed By:</i>	<i>Dan Toole</i>
<i>Seconded By:</i>	<i>Yvonne Mefor</i>
<i>Signed:</i>	<i>Gerard McGuill (Chairperson, BOM)</i>
<i>Scheduled Date for Review of the Policy:</i>	<i>August 2025</i>

LMETB Ratification/Resolution of the ETB Board

<i>Date of Resolution of ETB Board</i>	
<i>Signed</i>	<i>(Chairperson)</i>



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Annual Admission Notice 2025/2026	
<i>The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of Coláiste Chú Chulainn in respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2025/2026. This notice was published on 17th October 2024.</i>	
Note: Prior to the commencement of section 62 of the Education Act 1998-2018, the school had allocated a number of places in the 2024/2025 First Year Group and the Special Class. The figures below capture this.	
Total number of places available in First Year Group: [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.]	150
Number of places already allocated in First Year Group:	0
Number of places left in First Year Group:	150
Note: <i>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>	
Total number of available places in Special Class(es):	12
Number of places already allocated in Special Class(es):	10
Number of places left in Special Class(es):	2
A copy of Coláiste Chú Chulainn's Admission Policy is available at:	School website www.colaistecc.ie School office (for printed copy) By emailing colaistecc.ie
An Application Form for admission to Coláiste Chú Chulainn is available from 28/09/2023 at:	School website www.colaistecc.ie School office (for printed copy) By emailing colaistecc@imetb.ie
<p>All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups in Coláiste Chú Chulainn will only be accepted after the 05/10/2023 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 10/11/2024. 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 Chú Chulainn other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted after the 05/11/2024 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 10/11/2024. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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:	17/11/2024
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:	1/12/2024
Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.	

Coláiste Chú Chulainn 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 Chú Chulainn 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