



**Scoil Bhríde Midleton**

**00512D**

## **Admissions Policy**

### **Autistic Spectrum Disorder Early Intervention Class**

Scoil Bhríde Midleton Early Intervention ASD Class caters for the needs of children diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder who have developmental delays in the mild range. (i.e. moderate, severe and profound intellectual and / or physical / sensory disabilities) are more likely to be met in an alternative setting. This policy runs concurrently with the Scoil Bhríde Admission Policy.

As per DES guidelines ASD Class placement cannot be provided in the school year (1<sup>st</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> June) in which pupils reach 6 years of age. There are 6 places in the early intervention class with many children spending two years in the class. As a result, the number of places available changes on an annual basis.

### **Referral to the ASD Early Intervention Class**

Referrals for ASD Early Intervention Class placement are made by a parent/guardian. The Cuisle Early Intervention Class application form must be completed with a copy of all necessary reports in accordance with the Scoil Bhríde Admission Notice.

### **Admission to our Cuisle Early Intervention Class**

- Entry to the ASD Early Intervention Class shall be compliant with Department of Education policy. Children must be over 3 years of age on entry and cannot be 6 years of age in the final placement year.
- Early Intervention classes are also for children over 4 years of age with ASD diagnosis **and** a recommendation for an early intervention placement
- Child must have a diagnosis of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder as per DSM-1V, DSM-V or ICD-10 criteria.

### **Criteria for Admission to Cuisle Early Intervention Class.**

1. Children of the same family unit of current pupils - priority to the eldest
2. Children of the same family unit of past pupils of Scoil Bhríde Midleton - priority to the eldest
3. Children living within the parish - priority to the eldest
4. Children living in neighbouring/adjoining parishes – priority to the eldest
5. Children of staff – priority to the eldest

Please note\*\* Referral does not guarantee that a child will secure a place. There is a maximum limit of 6 places in our EI ASD class at any time, and each child referred is usually

one of many to be considered. As children may avail of 1 / 2 year placements the number of places available annually can change.

### **Successful Candidates**

Parents of successful applicants will be informed by January 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be required to pay for their child's learning costs at this time. Parents will also be invited to attend a Welcome Morning in the school in late May of the year of enrolment. The school handbook and any other relevant information will be given to parents during this meeting, to help parents assist their child's transition into the EI ASD Class.

### **Right to Appeal**

The BOM of the Good Shepherd National School recognises and upholds a parent's right to appeal a refusal to enrol through the Appeal Procedures under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998. Upon receiving the BOM's decision parents/guardians will be informed by the BOM of the procedure and timeframe involved for an appeal.

The procedures under Section 29 cannot be invoked until all procedures at local level have been exhausted.