

Mulroy College
Milford
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Admissions
&
Enrolment
Policy

MULROY COLLEGE

ADMISSIONS POLICY



Mulroy College Mission Statement

Mulroy College embodies mutual respect in a caring environment while enabling students to achieve personal success and move with confidence into a world of endless possibilities

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 Mulroy College is responsible for the implementation of this Admission Policy.

INTRODUCTION TO MULROY COLLEGE

Mulroy College has been in existence since the early 1950s as Milford Vocational School. At that time day classes were run and students sat the Group and Intermediate Certificate examinations. The high standard of results achieved in those days of up to 96% still exists to this day. The developments in the school and indeed in education have been huge since then. The school has relocated twice. Its original classrooms were in the Courthouse in Milford and from there moved to a four roomed building at the bottom of the town. Many adjustments were made to the building and many prefabs were added on site until Mulroy College was established in 2000. The school moved finally to a state of the art building with matching facilities.

The school now facilitates all abilities of students and provides all programmes from the DES. At Junior Cert the Junior Cycle will replace the established Junior Certificate Programme in 2022 and run in tandem with the Junior Cycle schools programme. The Transition year Programme, the Leaving Certificate established programme and the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme are all on offer at senior cycle.

Mixed ability grouping is provided for all year groups with banding in English, Irish and Maths only. Students are encouraged to enter subjects at the highest possible level and are pushed to reach their full potential.

Our catchment area encompasses both the Rosguill and Fanad peninsula, Rathmullan and Ramelton townland and surrounding areas. We have 21 feeder primary schools and one neighbouring post primary school, Loreto Community School.

Our feeder schools are:

Ayr Hill NS, Ballyheerin NS, Brownknowe NS, Cashel NS, Cashelshanaghan NS, Cranford NS, Croaghross NS, Devlinreagh NS, Doaghbeg NS, Downings NS, Drumfad NS, Drumhalla NS, Drumman NS, Kerrykeel NS, Kilmacrennan NS, Milford NS, Portlean NS, Tamney NS, Ramelton NS, Rathmullan NS and Scoil Eoin Baiste, Carrigart.

Mulroy College is now an ETB school under the patronage of Donegal ETB.

Role and Function of ETB

Donegal Education and Training Board (ETB) operates under a statutory framework provided primarily by the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013. It is funded by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) and is advised by them through circular letters and collective agreements (for example regarding pay and conditions) on an ongoing basis.

Donegal ETB provides a broad range of Educational Services including post primary schools and colleges, further and adult education and third level education. It actively pursues the further development of educational services in the County, for example through the provision of new schools and of Education Centres, the active pursuit of new initiatives and the retention and re-development of any redundant buildings. Donegal ETB has a history of

responding flexibly to community needs and aspirations since its foundation (as the VEC) in 1905 and, in cooperation with community, voluntary and other statutory organisations, it aims to continue this responsiveness into the next century, especially to those most in need of its services.

Donegal ETB manages 15 of the 27 post-primary schools and colleges within the County.

- Its Adult Education Service is the primary provider of Adult Education within Co Donegal and programmes include VTOS, Youthreach, Traveller Training and Adult Literacy.
- The Tourism College, Killybegs has been committed to the education & training of students for the tourism industry since 1969. Since February 2007, the College is now under the remit of the Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Letterkenny.
- Gartan Outdoor Education Centre offers a full range of programmes based on outdoor recreation and training.
- The Administrative Offices at Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny, provide the essential support services to the Schools and Centres.
- Donegal VEC also caters for the Youth of the county in a special way through the funding on offer to the Youth organisations including the Youth Information Centres in Letterkenny (Donegal Youth Services) and Donegal Town (Foróige)
- Music Partnership
- There are three Educational Support Services which are collectively overseen and managed by the Chief Executive Officer who reports to the Education and Training Board Committee on a monthly basis. These services are managed on a day-to-day basis by a Head of Division:
 - Finance (Accounts, Payroll & IT);
 - Corporate Services including Estate Management; External Services/Student Support.
 - Human Resources Management
- Each of these services are staffed by Clerical and administrative Staff at varying grades.
- County Donegal ETB provides curricular support in the form of additional teaching hours to a number of Special Education Units and Classes attached to Primary and Special Schools throughout the County.

The building of Mulroy College has a capacity for 500 students. Our current student cohort is 556 for 2021/2022 with a projected enrolment for 2022/2023 at 576 students.

Our first year intake is currently 104 students in first year each year.

Curriculum

Subjects offered at Senior Cycle

SUBJECT	SUBJECT	SUBJECT
English	Geography	Business
Irish	French	Music
Maths	German	Home Economics
Biology	Engineering	LCVP
Agricultural Science	Construction	PE (not examined)
Technology	Design Communication Graphics	SPHE (not examined)
History	Art	Religion (not examined)
Physics	Chemistry	Career Guidance (not examined)

Subjects offered at Junior Cycle

SUBJECT	SUBJECT	SUBJECT
English	French	CSPE (Short course)
Irish	German	Home Economics
Maths	Engineering	SPHE (not examined)
History	Wood Technology	PE (Short course)
Geography	Music	Religion (not examined)
Science	Graphics	Career Guidance (not examined)
Business	Visual Art	Wellbeing
Applied Technology		

At Junior Cycle all students study English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Wellbeing, PE, SPHE, CSPE, Religion, Career Guidance. All students choose between French or German and all students choose 3 practical subjects from the following subject options: Business, Applied Technology, Engineering, Wood Technology, Music, Graphics, Visual Art and Home Economics.

At Junior Cycle we also offer the JCSP programme, the junior cycle support programme, where students do less subjects and get additional supports in literacy and numeracy.

All students have the option of doing Transition year at the end of the Junior Cycle programme.

At Senior Cycle we offer the traditional Leaving Certificate Programme, the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme and the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

In all classes in all year groups students are encouraged to study at the highest level possible.

Classes are grouped in mixed ability from first year and banded in English, Irish and Maths.

All classes have a class teacher and meet their class teacher each morning as part of our well being programme to start the day.

Mulroy College is well equipped with an excellent canteen and food service throughout the day. There is a breakfast club for all students from 8am. The breakfast club is subsidised and there is free juice, tea, coffee, yogurt, fruit and toast for everyone. There are healthy hot and cold options at both break and lunch times with all dinners subsidised at a price of 2 Euro per student.

We provide a vast array of Extra Curricular activities for all students including:

Gaelic, Soccer, Volleyball, Athletics, Basketball, Rugby, Girls Active, Drama, Music, Choir, Writing club, Sewing club, ICT Club, Art Club, HEROS Club, Young Scientist, Mentoring Programme, SKY Sports Programme, Numerous Tours including European and Ski Tours.

As a school we are very up to date with teaching methodologies and invest a huge amount of time and resources ensuring our teachers maintain very high qualities and standards of teaching and learning.

We are a restorative school meaning we use restorative practices in all of our communications. We have a non judgemental approach and bring people together in times of conflict or disagreement. We encourage everyone to have an understanding of how their behaviour affects the wider school community and how they can contribute in a positive way to that community.

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PART A

General Information for All Applicants

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1 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

'Applicant' means the parent / guardian of a Student, or, in the case of a Student who has reached the age of 18 years, the Student, who has made an application for admission to Mulroy College.

'Student' means the person in respect of whom the application is being made. All uses of the word throughout this Policy therefore imply 'prospective' as part of the interpretation. That is, the use of the word 'Student' does not mean that the application for him/her has been accepted such that s/he is regarded as a Student of Mulroy College by virtue of application alone.

'Gender', in line with the definition of "*the gender ground*" in the Equal Status Act 2000, is such that "*one is male and the other is female*". [This does not prejudice any Student who is Intersex or identifies as Androgynous/Androgyne, Bigender, Demigender, Gender Fluid, Genderqueer, Multigender, Neutrois, Non-binary, Transgender, Transsexual or otherwise.]

'Catchment Area' refers to the designated residential area for application to all classes in Mulroy College in respect of the person on whose behalf the application is being made. The catchment area for Mulroy College is defined as: the Rosguill and Fanad peninsula, Rathmullan and Ramelton townland and surrounding area.

'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 step-siblings.

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, step-siblings and students who reside in the same household.

Note: the wider definition of sibling in the second of the two paragraphs immediately above is for the purpose of facilitating families who are required to do more than one drop-off and/or collection to/from the school.

'**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 and Skills . Mulroy College has a Special Class, established to cater for special educational needs of Students with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

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

2 ADMISSION STATEMENT

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 strong 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, Mulroy College, shall not discriminate in its admission of a Student based on the following grounds:

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- 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).

Mulroy College shall not charge fees or payments or seek contributions as a condition of admission or continued enrolment of a Student.

3 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Mulroy College 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 Mulroy College 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 enrol. 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.

Section 62(7)(n) of the Education Act 1998 requires each school to set out in its Admission Policy the arrangements it has in place where a parent, or student over 18 years of age, requests that the student opt-out of religious instruction.

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', Mulroy College 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.

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 February 2020, Mulroy College 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 February 2025, then this confirmation is still valid and the Applicant will be offered that place.

In processing an application Mulroy College **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;

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 meeting 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, the school. However, the maximum number of places filled by this criterion does not exceed 25% of the available places as set out in the school's Admission Notice for that academic year.

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.

Mulroy College 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 Mulroy College 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

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APPLICATION TO THE FIRST-YEAR GROUP

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ADMISSION PROVISIONS (FIRST YEAR GROUP)

Where Mulroy College 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.

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 Mulroy College 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.

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 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

Mulroy College will apply the following criteria for admission to the First-Year Group:

- 5.1.2.1 Students from the following primary schools: Ayr Hill NS, Ballyheerin NS, Brownknowe NS, Cashel NS, Cashelshanaghan NS, Cranford NS, Croaghross NS, Devlinreagh NS, Doaghbeg NS, Downings NS, Drumfad NS, Drumhalla NS,

Druminnah NS, Killybegs NS, Kinnacreehan NS, Minihora NS, Portlough NS,
Tamney NS, Ramelton NS, Rathmullan NS and Scoil Eoin Baiste.

5.1.2.2 If the Student resides in the Catchment Area;

5.1.2.3 If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school;

5.1.2.4 If the Student has siblings who were previously enrolled in the
school;

5.1.3 Selection process

Mulroy College 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 until all available places have been offered and accepted.

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

5.1.4 Late applications

An application received by Mulroy College 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 Mulroy College 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. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received

by the school and subsequently the school's selection criteria will be applied in accordance with this Admission Policy.

Where Mulroy College is not oversubscribed 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 Mulroy College 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 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.

5.1.7 Offers

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 Mulroy College;
- 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

- (iii) whether or not the Student 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 on the admission list or waiting list for that academic year and any subsequent applications for the same academic year on behalf of that Student 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 Mulroy College regarding admission to the First-Year Group, see section 5.2.

5.2. APPEALS

5.2.1 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 submit his/her appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mulroy College at Milford, Co Donegal, mulroycollege@donegaletb.ie. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen 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 and Skills after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead.

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 and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

5.2.2 Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to Mulroy College for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may choose to put

must appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mulroy College. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen 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 and Skills after the publication of this policy, the same shall apply instead.

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

If an Applicant who chooses to appeal to the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, the Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

5.3.1. Basis for appeal:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, an application to appeal 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 appeal the decision.

SECTION 6

APPLICATION TO ALL YEAR GROUPS OTHER THAN FIRST-YEAR

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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
- 6.3.3. Basis for appeal

6.1 ADMISSION PROVISIONS (OTHER THAN FIRST-YEAR)

Where Mulroy College 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.

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 Mulroy College 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.

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 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.

6.1.2 Selection criteria in order of priority

Mulroy College will apply the following criteria for admission to a year-group other than First-Year:

- 6.1.2.1 Students from the following primary schools: Ayr Hill NS, Ballyheerin NS, Brownknowe NS, Cashel NS, Cashelshanaghan NS, Cranford NS, Croaghross NS, Devlinreagh NS, Doaghbeg NS, Downings NS, Drumfad NS, Drumhalla NS, Drumman NS, Kerrykeel NS, Kilmacrennan NS, Milford NS, Portlean NS, Tamney NS, Ramelton NS, Rathmullan NS and Scoil Eoin Baiste.
- 6.1.2.2 If the Student resides in the Catchment Area;
- 6.1.2.3 If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school;
- 6.1.2.4 If the Student has siblings who were previously enrolled in the school;

Note: 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

Mulroy College 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 until all available places have been offered and accepted.

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

6.1.4 Late applications:

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

Where Mulroy College 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. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school and subsequently the school's selection criteria will be applied in accordance with this Admission Policy.

where Mulroy College is not oversubscribed and it receives a late application, the student seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within Mulroy College, 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 Mulroy College 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 withdrawal of an offer, as set out below.

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 Trinity College,
- 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 on the admission list or waiting list for that academic year and any subsequent applications for the same academic year on behalf of that Student 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 Mulroy College regarding admission to a year-group other than First-Year, see section 6.3.

6.2 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 submit his/her appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mulroy College at Milford, Co Donegal, mulroycollege@donegaletb.ie. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen 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 and Skills after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead.

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 and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

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

An Applicant who was refused admission to Mulroy College for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may choose to put

must appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mulroy College. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen 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 and Skills after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead.

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

If an Applicant who chooses to appeal to the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, the Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

6.3.3. Basis for appeal:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, an application to appeal 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 appeal the decision.

SECTION 7

APPLICATION TO THE SPECIAL CLASS(ES)

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7.1 ADMISSION PROVISIONS FOR THE SPECIAL CLASS(ES)

Mulroy College has a Special Class, 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.

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

In line with section 4.9, where the Special Class in Mulroy College is not oversubscribed, all Children whose needs fall within the category of special educational needs provided for by the Special Class will be offered a place in the Special Class, subject to section 4.7.

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 Mulroy College 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.

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 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 Students from the following primary schools: Ayr Hill NS, Ballyheerin NS, Brownknowe NS, Cashel NS, Cashelshanaghan NS, Cranford NS, Croaghross NS, Devlinreagh NS, Doaghbeg NS, Downings NS, Drumfad NS, Drumhalla NS, Drumman NS, Kerrykeel NS, Kilmacrennan NS, Milford NS, Portlean NS, Tamney NS, Ramelton NS, Rathmullan NS and Scoil Eoin Baiste.

7.1.2.2 If the Student resides in the Catchment Area;

7.1.2.3 If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school;

7.1.2.4 If the Student has siblings who were previously enrolled in the school;

7.1.3 Selection process:

Mulroy College 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 school. This process is continuously carried out until all available places have been offered and accepted.

where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, Mulroy College will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.]

7.1.4 Late applications:

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

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7.1.7 Refusal:

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- 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;
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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);
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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 on the admission list or waiting list for that academic year and any subsequent applications for the same academic year on behalf of that Student 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:

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

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7.2.3. Basis for appeal:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, an application to appeal 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 appeal the decision.