



St. Augustine's is a co-educational, special school for students,

aged 7-18, with **Mild General Learning Disabilities (MGLD)**. We also cater for students

with **Moderate** General Learning Disabilities, if their **independent living skills** are at a **high level**.

If you are considering applying for a place in St. Augustine's School, **you are encouraged to contact us as early as possible, as places are limited for students from aged 12 upwards.**

Please read the following 3 items (under Policies):

1. **Application Form**
2. **Admission Policy**
3. **Annual Admission Notice (shows places available for the following School year, the majority of which are at Primary Level).**

- **School transport** is provided for students attending St. Augustine's School. If you are offered a place, we will make an application to National Council for Special Education (NCSE) on your behalf. Click [here](#) for Department Circular.
- **Class sizes** are currently 7-10 (but max. 12 students per class). There is 1 teacher and there are 1 or 2 special needs assistants (sna) per class, depending on needs in class and staffing resources to school. **Snas** in our school are not assigned to individual students, but work with all students in the class, supporting the teacher.
- St. Augustine's School caters for **up to 160 students** (approximately 60% boys and 40% girls). This includes:
 - 60 students with Mild GLD + Autism
 - 40 students with Mild-Moderate GLD + Down Syn.
 - 60 students with Mild-Moderate GLD with or without diagnoses other than Autism and Down Syndrome.
- See the National Educational Psychological Service (**NEPS**) **Information for Parents** 'Working Together to Make a Difference for Children'. Click [here](#).
- **Parents** are actively involved in St. Augustine's School Parents Association (SASPA), in The Special Olympics Swimming Club and in the Past-Pupils Clubs.
- Students **graduate** at age 18 with a combination of Junior Cycle Levels 2 and 3, QQI (formerly FETAC) Levels 2 and 3 and Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP) qualifications.
- **Post St. Augustine's School**, students often accept placements in Festina Lente, STEP, WALK, Roslyn Park, Access Park House, SJoG Patrick Street, NLN, Autism Initiatives, Sunbeam House, Gheel, Turas, St. Michael's House, Central Remedial Clinic (Rehabilitative Training), etc.
- If you are interested in attending a **school tour**, please email **STUDENT'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH, TOGETHER WITH PROPOSED YEAR OF APPLICATION** to staugustines@sjog.ie or register your interest on our website ... click [here](#).
- Places available are listed on our **Annual Admission Notice** and we generally accept applications from October of current year for enrolment in September of the following year. We recommend that you apply to other schools as well as St. Augustine's. Many schools are oversubscribed. We currently receive more applications than we have places each year. **Waiting lists** are held for the school year of application only and do not carry forward to the following year; parents need to re-apply.
- **We regret we cannot accept applications for students with a dual diagnosis of ASD+Moderate GLD, students with a diagnosis of Borderline (IQ >70) or Psychological Reports dated 2 years past application date.** Applications will also be returned if not submitted by **REGISTERED POST** through An Post.

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO SEND, WITH APPLICATION FORM, BY REGISTERED POST

- Copy of child's birth cert.
- Proof of address.
- Signed GDPR Consent.
- Psychological Report (include any other reports to be read 'in conjunction with Psychological Report').
- Most recent school report.
- Signed GDPR Consent Form.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORT SHOULD:

- INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF COGNITIVE ABILITY AND CLEARLY SHOW THE FULL-SCALE IQ SCORE (using a test suitable to the student's profile) in the
 - MILD/HIGH MODERATE RANGE IQ OF 40-70 or
 - MILD RANGE IQ OF 50-70, MILD ONLY, FOR STUDENTS WITH AN ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM.
- BE DATED WITHIN 2 YEARS OF APPLICATION DATE.
- RECOMMEND A SPECIAL SCHOOL PLACEMENT.
- MAKE REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR AN SNA AND/OR BUS ESCORT IF DEEMED NECESSARY.
- REFERENCE ANY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDED.
- REFERENCE ANY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SUPPORTS E.G. CHAIR.
- REFERENCE ANY RELEVANT HEARING, VISUAL/ SPEECH & LANGUAGE INTERVENTIONS.

This page is a summary only and must be read in conjunction with Annual Admission Notice and School Admission Policy. If you would like to receive hard copies of these or if you require any assistance completing application form, please email staugustines@sjog.ie or phone 01-2881771 to make your request.