

Dear Stakeholders,

The commencement of the Education (Provision in Respect of Children with Special Educational Needs) Act 2022 requires the admission statement of a school to include a statement that the school shall co-operate with the NCSE relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council and a separate statement that the school shall comply with any direction under section 37A or under section 67.

As a result we are required to amend our Admissions Policy to include the following.

Amendment - the following text has been included within Section 3 Admission Statement

St Patrick's Comprehensive School 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.

St Patrick's Comprehensive School 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.

Any adjustment to the Admissions Policy must include consultation from staff, students, parents, trustees and patron. Please find attached Circular 75/2022 which includes additional information regarding the required amendment.

If you have any comments/observations/concerns/questions regarding this required amendment to our Admissions Policy please complete the following form - form closes 11:30 am 24/1/23 <https://forms.office.com/e/cUj8h6cJZ0>