

ADVERT ID 160204

## Special Needs Assistant

### St Anthony's SS

Humbert Way Castlebar F23W704

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#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Deactivated  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Mon Sep 13 2021 21:48:55  
**Application Closing Date:** Tue Sep 28 2021  
**Commencement Date:** Mon Oct 4 2021  
**Status of Post:** Part-Time  
**Number of Vacancies:** 3

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Special School  
**Gender:** Co-Educational  
**School Patronage:** Other  
**Total No. of Teaching Staff:** 9  
**Current Enrolment:** 59  
**Droichead school:** No

#### POST DETAILS

**Panel of Applicants:** An internal panel of suitable applicants may be set up to fill vacancies which may occur within a specific time period (four months for teacher posts and the duration of the school year for SNA posts) from the date on which the Board approves the successful candidate.

**Additional Information:** St. Anthony's is a Special School catering for pupils ages 4 - 18 years old who have Mild/Moderate Intellectual Difficulties, alongside Autism, ADHD, Physical Disabilities, Sensory Impairments, EBD, or medical conditions.  
 The qualifications and conditions of service are as specified by the Department of Education and Skills. It would be desirable that the successful candidates would have completed an appropriate Special Needs Assistant Course and have the necessary skills and interest in working with pupils who have complex profiles and challenging needs.  
 There are THREE (3) SNA vacancies to fill:

- two (2) Permanent/Standard Part Time SNA posts (16 hours each per week) and
- one (1) long term leave substitute cover for a Fulltime SNA post (32 hours per week)

Candidates should indicate clearly on their application cover letter if they are applying for any one post or if they would like their application to be considered for all three posts.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Applicants must have experience of working in a special school/specialist setting specifically with pupils who have Intellectual, Physical, Sensory or Complex Difficulties, including Autism, physical and health care needs, and communication difficulties.
- Applicants must have up to date training in First Aid and Manual/Patient Handling Skills
- Applicants should have experience in managing care conditions of children with medical conditions such as epilepsy, peg-feeding or asthma, and experience assisting pupils with personal hygiene/toileting including use of specialised equipment such as hoists and wheelchairs.
- Applicants should have an understanding of ASD and strategies used such as TEACCH, Pecs, Social Stories, Visual Schedules

- Applicants must demonstrate their practical experience with the management of challenging behaviour and promotion of positive behaviour strategies.
- Applicants must have a willingness to participate in all school activities, work as part of a team and avail of further training. In addition to classroom-based work directed by the Class Teacher, duties include helping students with eating, intimate care, showering, dressing and accompanying pupils in the pool during swimming sessions, and assisting on other educational outings.
- Applicants who are on the SNA Supplementary Panel must submit a certified copy of the completed Panel Form PF1 with their application.

Appointment is subject to current Vetting requirements, Occupational Health Screening, completion of the online TUSLA Child Safeguarding Training and satisfactory references.

All SNA posts are subject to DES/NCSE review annually.

#### IMPORTANT

- Postal applications preferred but online applications will be accepted. Clearly mark envelopes or subject line in email with "SNA APPLICATION 2021" and use the correct email address.
  - Only those shortlisted for interview will be contacted. Contact regarding interviews will be via email only so please ensure to include a valid and clear email address for correspondence.
  - Applications will not be returned so do not enclose original documents.
  - Any Canvassing will disqualify without exception
- Successful candidates will be expected to respect the confidentiality of the students at all times

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Application
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email
- Post

#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

**Roll Number:** 19248R  
**Apply To:** email: [poststanthonymayo@gmail.com](mailto:poststanthonymayo@gmail.com)

or by post to:  
 Chairperson  
 St. Anthony's Special School  
 Humbert Way  
 Castlebar  
 F23W704

**County:** Mayo  
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