

ADVERT ID 251585

Deputy Principal

St Oliver Plunkett NS

Newcastle, Athenry, H65T680
<https://www.stoliverplunkettns.com>



MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Tue May 5 2026
Application Closing Date: Thu May 21 2026
Commencement Date: Wed Aug 26 2026
Status of Post: Permanent

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Mainstream
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 12
Current Enrolment: 200
Droichead school: Yes

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Additional Information:

St. Oliver Plunkett NS is a vertical co-educational school under the Patronage of the Archbishop of Tuam.

The Board of Management of St. Oliver Plunkett NS invites applications for the position of Deputy Principal. This permanent position will be appointed through open competition in line with Circular 0044/2019.

Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of this post relate to the four domains of leadership and management as specified in Circular 0044/2019 and Looking at Our School 2022:

1. Leading teaching and learning
2. Managing the organisation
3. Leading school development
4. Developing leadership capacity

In addition, the successful candidate will be a leader who demonstrates evidence of the following knowledge, competencies, and experience essential to the role:

- An understanding of, and commitment to upholding the Catholic Ethos and values of the school.
- Experience and knowledge of leadership, management and administration in primary schools.
- A commitment to work and support the Principal towards a shared vision for leading high-quality teaching, learning and assessment in the school.
- Proven leadership skills including experience of policy/plan development, implementation and evaluation of school-based initiatives, including School Self Evaluation and school development planning.
- An in-depth understanding of the Primary Curriculum Framework and Primary Curriculum, with a broad range of teaching experience and demonstrated ability to lead curricula change.

- Strong organisational capabilities and time-management skills, with experience in prioritising and managing competing priorities effectively.
- Experience working with teams under a model of shared leadership, with delegation skills and a commitment to developing leadership capacity in others.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with a proven ability to build, sustain and foster positive relationships with pupils, parents/guardians, staff, external agencies and the wider school community.
- A commitment to leading and promoting the development of pupil voice and a culture of learning and creativity.
- A commitment to leading and promoting pupil and staff wellbeing, parental involvement and the promotion of positive behaviour strategies;
- A commitment to and evidence of continuing professional development
- Flexibility to adapt and work with all stakeholders in order to meet the evolving needs of the school.
- A willingness to work in partnership with the Principal in the fulfilment of the Principal's role and acts or deputises as the Principal in the Principal's absence.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- [It is a requirement to hold a valid Statutory Declaration and to complete the Form of Undertaking for this position.](#)
- [Standard Application Form for Principalship/Deputy Principalship - in English](#)
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- Teaching Council Registration
- Recognised Certificate to Teach Religious Education

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

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