

ADVERT ID 253638

Special Needs Assistant

Blessington Educate Together National School

Red Lane Blessington W91DK23
<https://www.betns.ie>



MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Thu May 28 2026
Application Closing Date: Thu Jun 11 2026
Commencement Date: Thu Aug 27 2026
Status of Post: Fixed-term
Number of Vacancies: 2

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Mainstream with Special Classes
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Educate Together
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 7
Current Enrolment: 95
Droichead school: Yes

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:

We are seeking two dedicated and compassionate Additional Needs Assistants (SNAs) who are committed to supporting the inclusion, wellbeing, and development of children in the school setting.

The two vacancies consist of a fixed-term Job Share position which is on a split week basis (16 hours per week) and a fixed-term part-time position (also 16 hours per week). Both appointments are for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The ideal candidate will have experience working with children with additional needs, including autism and ADHD, and will demonstrate a calm, empathetic, and patient approach. Strong communication, teamwork, organisational skills and being capable of working on their own initiative are essential, along with a flexible attitude and a willingness to learn. The successful applicant will be professional, trustworthy, and passionate about creating a positive, supportive environment where every child can thrive. Familiarity with inclusive practices, School Support Plans/IEPs, and sensory supports is highly desirable.

Candidates should be willing to undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses relevant to the needs of the children and the school. Experience and/or training in working with children with ASD, OT needs, and medical care needs is desirable.

Please apply for the position by 3pm on the closing date by emailing applications@betns.ie. Applications that are late or sent to a different email address will not be considered. Please

attach a cover letter (PDF Format) with your email as to why you would like to work at B.E.T.N.S.
Use the Standard Application Form for SNAs for your application.

Please Note:

- Candidates are required to have qualifications as per Department of Education guidelines.
- Applicants with a certified copy of Panel Form 1 (PF1) should state this in the first line of their letter of application & attach a copy of the form with their application.
- Appointment is subject to current vetting requirements, occupational health screening and satisfactory references.

Due to expected high numbers of applications, only short- listed candidates will be contacted.
Email applications only. Thank you and good luck!

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- [It is a requirement to hold a valid Statutory Declaration and to complete the Form of Undertaking for this position.](#)
- Letter of Application
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts - in English](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number: 20242M
Apply To: The Chairperson
Blessington Educate Together N.S.
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Co. Wicklow
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County: Wicklow
Enquiries To: office@betns.ie
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