

ADVERT ID 254757

## Special Needs Assistant

### Bunscoil Eoin Naofa

Railway Road Kenmare V93DX76  
<https://www.stjohnskenmare.ie>



#### MAIN DETAILS

<b>Status:</b>	Active
<b>Level:</b>	Primary
<b>Date Posted:</b>	Wed Jun 10 2026
<b>Application Closing Date:</b>	Wed Jun 24 2026
<b>Commencement Date:</b>	Thu Aug 27 2026
<b>Status of Post:</b>	Permanent
<b>Number of Vacancies:</b>	2

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

<b>School Type:</b>	Mainstream with Special Classes
<b>School Structure:</b>	Vertical
<b>Gender:</b>	Co-Educational
<b>School Patronage:</b>	Catholic
<b>Total No. of Teaching Staff:</b>	26
<b>Current Enrolment:</b>	403
<b>Droichead school:</b>	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:

St. John's NS invites applications from highly dedicated and enthusiastic candidates for the position of Special Needs Assistant(s). These positions arise from the school's special class provision and successful candidates may be required to work in a special class setting and/or mainstream setting, depending on the needs of the school and pupils.

The successful candidates will demonstrate flexibility, initiative, professionalism and a willingness to work collaboratively as part of a highly effective team in supporting pupils with additional care and educational needs.

The following experience, skills and attributes are advantageous:

- Experience supporting pupils with a range of additional needs, including sensory, communicative, emotional, behavioural and significant care needs.
- Experience supporting pupils with ASD in special class and/or mainstream settings.
- Knowledge of, and experience contributing to, the development, implementation and review of Primary Care Plans (PCPs) and pupil support plans.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and an ability to work effectively with school staff, parents and external professionals.
- A commitment to supporting the dignity, wellbeing and holistic development of every pupil.
- Relevant training and/or experience in areas such as autism, communication supports, manual handling, intimate care, first aid, occupational therapy-informed approaches, or behaviour support.

Candidates should be willing to engage in continuing professional development and undertake courses relevant to the needs of the pupils and the school. Appointment is subject to current Garda Vetting requirements and occupational health screening.

Applicants who are deemed to be members of the SNA Supplementary Assignment Panel with supplementary assignment rights must furnish a certified copy of a completed Panel Form (PF1) with their application.

Applications will be accepted by post only and must be received no later than 3.00 p.m. on the specified closing date. Please mark "SNA Application" on the envelope.

Only applicants who are shortlisted for interview will be contacted.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Applications may be submitted by

- Post

#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

**Roll Number:** 20197K  
**Apply To:** The Chairperson of the Board of Management  
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Kenmare  
V93DX76  
**County:** Kerry  
**Enquiries To:** [info@stjohnskenmare.ie](mailto:info@stjohnskenmare.ie)  
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