

ADVERT ID 254874

Special Needs Assistant

St Marys NS

Oldcourt Rochestown Cork T12PV05
<https://www.stmarysschoolrochestown.com>



MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Wed Jun 10 2026
Application Closing Date: Wed Jun 24 2026
Commencement Date: Tue Aug 25 2026
Status of Post: Permanent
Number of Vacancies: 3
This is a readvertisement

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Special School
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 15
Current Enrolment: 86
Droichead school: Yes

POST DETAILS

Additional Information:

Applicants are asked to read this advertisement in full before applying

Interviews are expected to be held in the week commencing 6 July 2025.

St Mary's Special School is a warm, inclusive school community supporting pupils aged 4–18 with a wide range of learning needs. The school caters for students with a Mild General Learning Disability as their primary diagnosis as well as students with Autism and a co-occurring Mild and/or Moderate Intellectual Disability.

We are inviting applications for the following positions:

3 Full Time Permanent Posts
2 Full Time Fixed Term Posts

Applicant Criteria
Essential Requirements
Minimum qualifications as required by the Department of Education and Skills.

Experience working with children or young adults with Special Educational Needs, including Mild/Moderate General Learning Difficulties, ADHD, Autism, and behaviours of concern.

Understanding of positive behaviour support strategies.

Desirable Experience and Skills
Experience in a special school or special class setting.

Relevant additional qualifications or training (e.g., QQI Level 5 in SEN, First Aid, CPI/Dynamis, CPD courses).

Experience supporting pupils with Autism, communication needs, PECs, Lámh, ISL, behaviours of concern, intimate care needs (toileting, nappy changing), and administration of medication.

Ability to work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary school team, contributing to pupil progress reviews, IEP planning, and Pupil Support Plans.

Confidence working in high care environments and supporting pupils through the implementation of individualised behaviour support plans developed in partnership with the Class Teacher.

Understanding of escalated behaviours and the ability to contribute ideas that promote safety, dignity, and respect for all pupils.

Flexibility, initiative, and strong day to day problem solving skills.

Competence in I.T. (Microsoft Word, iPad/laptop use, email, etc.).

Willingness to continue professional learning and upskilling.

Application Process

Only the Standard Application Form for SNA posts will be accepted. Please send only the Standard Application Form for SNA posts. Do not include a CV, certificates, transcripts, or additional materials. Any application that includes documents other than those requested will not be considered. A Statutory Declaration will only be sought where an offer of employment is made.

Postal applications will not be accepted. Email only.

Closing date 24/06/26 at 12 noon.

Applicants may also submit a certified copy of Panel Form 1 (PF1) where applicable.

Email applications only to: recruitment@stmarysrochestown.com

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 SNA Posts - in English](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

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