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## Special Needs Assistant

### Linn Dara School

Linn Dara Schools Linn Dara CAMHS Approved Centre Cherry Orchard Hospital Campus Dublin D10 XR23  
<https://www.linndaraschools.ie>



#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Post Primary  
**Date Posted:** Wed Jun 10 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Wed Jun 24 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Mon Aug 24 2026  
**Status of Post:** Permanent  
**Number of Vacancies:** 1  
**Number of hours per week:** 32

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Special School  
**School Structure:** Co-Educational  
**Current Enrolment:** 52  
**Droichead school:** Yes

#### POST DETAILS

**Additional Information:**

\*\*Join Our Team at Linn Dara Schools\*\*

Are you a passionate and caring Special Needs Assistant (SNA) looking to make a real difference in young people's lives?

Linn Dara Schools invites applications from dynamic, dedicated, and compassionate applicants for the role of Special Needs Assistant (SNA) in our unique and rewarding school community.

To support our expanding inpatient provision, we are seeking to fill one permanent Special Needs Assistant (SNA) post for the upcoming 2026/27 academic year.

The successful SNA candidate will be appointed for the new National Children's Hospital Ireland (NCHI) CAMHS School, located on the shared campus at St James's Hospital, Dublin 8\*

\*Note: This role will be initially based at Linn Dara Approved Centre, Dublin 10 until training components for the NCHI begin later in the autumn term.

**\*Position Details\***

Role: Full-Time (32 hours / 5 days) Permanent Special Needs Assistant (SNA)

Minimum requirements:

1. A FETAC level 3 major qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications,  
OR
2. A minimum of three grade Ds in the Junior Certificate,  
OR
3. Equivalent.

The post is subject to conditions of employment as set out by the Department of Education and Youth regulations, Patron approval, Garda Vetting, and candidates achieving a minimum standard at interview.

The appointment will also be subject to reference checks and Occupational Health Screening.

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**\*About Us\***

Linn Dara Schools are multi-denominational specialist hospital schools under the patronage of the Health Service Executive (HSE). We provide high-quality education that supports recovery and wellbeing for pupils admitted to Linn Dara CAMHS Approved Centre and outpatients of Linn Dara CAMHS Community and other South Dublin teams.

\*Our existing Schools\* - both inpatient and outpatient - are based within the Cherry Orchard Hospital Campus, offering a vibrant and supportive multidisciplinary environment where education and care come together to help young people re-engage, rebuild, and thrive.

\*Our new School expansion\* - will be based in the CAMHS unit in the new National Children's Hospital Ireland (NCHI) providing educational continuity and a school experience for the 20 new beds opening there later this year.

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**\*About the Role\***

Successful candidates are expected to perform the full range of duties for an SNA, as outlined in Department of Education and Youth (DEY) and National Council for Special Education (NCSE) guidelines.

\*Desirable (but not essential):\*

- Knowledge and experience of, or qualifications in working with teenagers
- Knowledge and experience of working in a special class or a special school setting.
- Evidence of a working within a reflective and collaborative team approach
- A genuine commitment to inclusive education.

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**\*How to Apply\***

Applications are accepted by email only at: [linndaraschoolposts@gmail.com](mailto:linndaraschoolposts@gmail.com)

**\*\*Make a Difference Every Day\*\***

This is more than an SNA post - it's an opportunity to empower young people, support recovery, and be part of a dedicated team that believes education can change lives.

If you're ready to bring your passion, creativity, and heart to a truly meaningful SNA role, we'd love to hear from you.

## 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.)
- CV (Digital)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

<b>Roll Number:</b>	19630O
<b>Apply To:</b>	A letter of application, a digital copy of your CV and named referees and their contact information should be submitted by email ONLY to: <a href="mailto:linndaraschoolposts@gmail.com">linndaraschoolposts@gmail.com</a> .
<b>County:</b>	Dublin
<b>Postal District:</b>	Dublin 10
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