

ADVERT ID 255014

Special Needs Assistant

Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Ballyhahill

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<https://www.ballyhahillns.org/>

MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Wed Jun 10 2026
Application Closing Date: Wed Jun 24 2026
Commencement Date: Thu Aug 27 2026
Status of Post: Permanent
Number of Vacancies: 1

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Mainstream
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Classification: DEIS Rural
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 3
Current Enrolment: 41
Droichead school: Yes

POST DETAILS

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Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Ballyhahill is a vibrant three-teacher rural DEIS school with strong community links and an active Parents Association. The Board of Management invites applications for a permanent Special Needs Assistant (SNA) to support pupils with additional needs and help ensure full access to learning and school life.

Key Responsibilities:

- Support pupils in the classroom and during other school activities, under the guidance of teachers.
- Assist with individual education plans and learning support programmes.
- Promote wellbeing, inclusion, and participation for all pupils.
- Collaborate with teachers, SNAs, and school staff to maintain a positive and safe learning environment.
- Participate in relevant Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

Candidate Profile:

We are seeking a caring, flexible, and committed SNA who:

- Is empathetic, patient, and approachable, with the ability to meet diverse pupil needs.
- Works effectively as part of a team with teachers, staff, and parents.
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to inclusion, wellbeing, and supporting each child to reach their potential.

- Upholds the ethos of a Catholic primary school.
- Shows enthusiasm for contributing positively to the wider life of the school, including supporting school initiatives and extracurricular activities where appropriate.

Desirable Skills and Experience:

- Previous experience of working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), additional educational needs, or challenging behaviour is desirable.
- Experience supporting pupils with social, emotional, behavioural, communication, or sensory needs in a primary school setting would be an advantage.
- Relevant training in areas such as autism, behaviour support, personal care, manual handling, or communication strategies is desirable.

Applicants with panel rights must submit a certified copy of Panel Form PF1.

Applications by post only. Applications without the Standard Application Form for SNA posts will not be considered.

Appointment is subject to Garda Vetting, Occupational Health Screening, and satisfactory references.

This role offers the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in a supportive, community-focused school environment.

[It is a requirement to hold a valid Statutory Declaration and to complete the Form of Undertaking for this position upon offer of employment.](#)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts - in English](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Post

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