

ADVERT ID 255803

Special Needs Assistant

St Mary's Special School

Johnstown Educational Campus Johnstown Navan C15PFK7
<https://stmarysspecialschooljohnstown.com/>

MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Wed Jun 17 2026
Application Closing Date: Wed Jul 1 2026
Commencement Date: Thu Aug 27 2026
Status of Post: Permanent
Number of Vacancies: 2

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Special School
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 21
Current Enrolment: 92
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:

Description of Position

St. Mary's Specialist School invites applications for two Special Needs Assistant (SNA) positions. St. Mary's is a specialist setting catering for students with severe to profound and moderate intellectual disabilities, autism, and complex medical needs. The school will have an enrolment of 92 pupils in September 2026.

We are seeking enthusiastic, flexible, and committed SNAs to support students in accessing the curriculum and participating fully in school life. Successful candidates will work closely with class teachers and the wider school team to support pupils' educational, social, behavioural, and care needs

Qualifications Required

Essential:

Experience working with children/young people in an educational or special education setting
 Ability to work as part of a team
 Strong communication and interpersonal skills
 Patient, caring, and flexible approach

Desirable:

QQI Level 6 Special Needs Assistant qualification (or equivalent)
 Up-to-date First Aid certification
 Manual Handling training
 Experience supporting children with autism and complex needs

Experience with alternative communication systems (e.g. PECS, Lámh, AAC)

Additional Information

Interviews are scheduled to take place during the week commencing 29th June 2026.

Appointments are subject to Garda Vetting and occupational health screening.

The position will be in line with Department of Education SNA terms and conditions.

[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

- 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

- Post

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number: 19560T

Apply To: C/O Chairperson of the BOM
St Mary's Special School
Johnstown Educational Campus
Johnstown
Navan
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County: Meath

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