

ADVERT ID 256216

Special Needs Assistant

Scoil Phádraig

Canal Road Portarlinton R32Y6K7
<https://www.stpatricksbns.ie>

MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Sat Jun 20 2026
Application Closing Date: Sun Jul 5 2026
Commencement Date: Tue Aug 25 2026
Status of Post: Standard SNA
Number of Vacancies: 3

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Mainstream with Special Classes
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Boys
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 31
Current Enrolment: 525
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:

Scoil Phádraig is seeking applications from SNAs for a number of positions in our Autism and Mainstream Class settings. The vacancies include: 1 Full-Time SNA Post, 1 Infant Day Post (0.83) and 1 Part-Time Post (0.5)

The SNA roles involve supporting children who have a range of sensory, communication and social/emotional needs. The successful candidates are expected to meet the children's primary care needs; including toileting needs, assisting with specific medical conditions, supervision and safety and behaviour de-escalation. SNAs will also provide support for secondary care needs when required.

Our SNAs work in collaboration with teachers, other SNAs and school leaders. They must have the interpersonal skills to work within teams, be adaptable and willing to regularly debrief and reflect on their practice. Up-skilling and professional development is part of the role, to ensure skill-sets align with children's changing or emerging needs.

The successful candidates are expected to respect the confidentiality of all students and to respect and uphold the ethos of the school.

A minimum qualification of QQI Level 5 is preferable for these SNA posts in Scoil Phádraig, Appointment is subject to vetting requirements, Medmark Screening and Patron Approval. Please include PF1, if applicable.

Applications are to be submitted by email only, ensure to enter "SNA Application" in the subject line of the email.

[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
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts - in English](#)
- CV (Digital)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

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