

ADVERT ID 258893

Special Needs Assistant

Our Lady of Mercy Junior School

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<https://www.ourladyofmercyjuniorschool.ie>



MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Wed Jul 15 2026
Application Closing Date: Wed Jul 29 2026
Commencement Date: Tue Sep 1 2026
Status of Post: Permanent
Number of Vacancies: 1
This is a readvertisement

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Mainstream with Special Classes
School Structure: Junior School
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 21
Current Enrolment: 323
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:

Our Lady of Mercy Junior School is inviting applications for Permanent Part Time SNA - 20 hours per week (8.50am - 1.30 p.m daily)

The successful candidate will initially be assigned to a mainstream classroom, however, this initial assignment is subject to change in accordance with the operational needs of the school.

The successful candidate must demonstrate a strong work ethic, must work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team, and must show a commitment to ongoing professional learning, reflective practice, and supporting the diverse needs of pupils.

Preferred Skill:

- *Significant experience supporting pupils with various complex needs.
- *Experience supporting pupils who present with behaviours of concern.
- *Excellent communication, interpersonal, and teamwork skills.
- *A commitment to reflective practice and ongoing professional development.
- *The ability to build positive, respectful relationships with pupils, colleagues, parents, and external professionals.
- *Flexibility, initiative, and the ability to work collaboratively within a busy school environment.

Please Note: In accordance with Department of Education and Youth regulations and the operational needs of the school, Special Needs Assistants may be assigned to any SNA role within the school at the discretion of the Principal.

Conditions of Appointment - Appointment is subject to:

- *Satisfactory Garda Vetting.

- *Occupational Health Screening.
- *Completion of TUSLA Child Safeguarding Training.
- *A valid Statutory Declaration.
- *Completion of the Form of Undertaking upon offer of employment.

This position is subject to NCSE allocation and SENO review.

Additional Information

- *Due to the expected high volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
 - *Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview by email.
 - *A panel may be formed from these interviews to fill any permanent or temporary SNA vacancies that arise during the 2026/2027 school year.
- Closing date for Applications: 5p.m on Wednesday 29th July 2026.

[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

- Email

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