

ADVERT ID 259864

Special Needs Assistant

St Itas School

Crushrod Ave, Yellowbatter Drogheda A92 V022

MAIN DETAILS

Status:	Active
Level:	Primary
Date Posted:	Fri Jul 31 2026
Application Closing Date:	Fri Aug 14 2026
Commencement Date:	Wed Aug 26 2026
Status of Post:	Fixed-term
Number of Vacancies:	3

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type:	Special School
School Structure:	Vertical
Gender:	Co-Educational
School Patronage:	Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff:	28
Current Enrolment:	220
Droichead school:	No

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:

We are seeking enthusiastic, caring and committed Special Needs Assistants who demonstrate a genuine interest in supporting the educational, social and personal development of each of our students.

Experience working in a special education setting, preferably in a special school, is essential. The successful candidate will possess the skills, knowledge and experience required to work effectively with pupils who have complex educational, physical, behavioural and medical needs.

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

Flexibility and adaptability.
Excellent teamwork and communication skills.
A calm, patient and positive disposition.
Confidence and competence in supporting students who present with behaviours of concern.
Strong supervision skills.
Initiative and the ability to work independently when required.
Essential experience includes supporting students with:

Personal care, including toileting and personal hygiene.
FEDS (Feeding, Eating, Drinking and Swallowing).
Manual handling and hoisting.
Behaviours of concern.
Physiotherapy programmes.

Speech and Language Therapy programmes.
Occupational Therapy programmes.

Experience in the use of iPads, assistive technology, computer programmes, switches, interactive whiteboards and Lámh sign language is desirable.

Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate proven experience in supporting physically strong students who present with behaviours of concern.

Shortlisting may apply.

Please clearly mark your application "SNA APPLICATION".

A panel of suitable applicants will be established to fill current and future vacancies that may arise during the 2026/2027 school year, including:

Three fixed-term full-time positions (Job Share) for the 2026/2027 school year.
One fixed-term full-time maternity leave cover position for part of the 2026/2027 school year.
Any additional fixed-term or substitute vacancies that may arise during the lifetime of the panel.

[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
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts - in English](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Post

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number:	18936K
Apply To:	Chairperson of St Ita's Special School Crushrod Ave, Yellowbatter Drogheda A92 V022 <u>office@stitasspecialschool.ie</u>
County:	Louth

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