

ADVERT ID 261260

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: Sun Aug 23 2026
Application Closing Date: Mon Sep 7 2026
Commencement Date: Mon Oct 5 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:

St. Mary's Special School invites applications for two Special Needs Assistant (SNA) positions.

St. Mary's is a special educational 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 individuals who are passionate about supporting young people with additional needs. Successful candidates will work closely with class teachers and the wider multidisciplinary team to support students in accessing the curriculum and participating fully in all aspects of school life.

The role involves supporting pupils' educational, social, behavioural, personal care, and medical needs, while promoting independence, dignity, and inclusion in a safe and caring environment.

Essential Requirements

Experience working with children or young people in an educational, care, or special education setting.

Ability to work effectively as part of a collaborative team.

Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

A patient, caring, and flexible approach to supporting students with complex needs.

Commitment to the wellbeing, safeguarding, and inclusion of all pupils.

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

Relevant SNA qualification (QQI Level 6 or equivalent).
Experience working with students with autism, intellectual disabilities, or complex medical needs.
Training in areas such as Manual Handling, First Aid, Epilepsy Awareness, PECS, Lámh, or Positive Behaviour Support.
Experience supporting personal care needs.
Knowledge of inclusive educational practices and promoting student independence.
Personal Attributes
The successful candidates will demonstrate:

Empathy, professionalism, and discretion.
Flexibility and adaptability in a dynamic school environment.
Initiative and a willingness to engage in ongoing professional development.
A positive attitude and commitment to supporting students to achieve their full potential.

St. Mary's Special School is an equal opportunities employer. Appointments are subject to Garda Vetting and the relevant Department of Education requirements.

[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:	FAO: Chairperson of the BOM SNA application St Mary's Special School Johnstown Educational Campus Johnstown Navan C15PFK7
County:	Meath
Website:	<u>https://stmarysspecialschooljohnstown.com/</u>

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