ADVERT ID 263937

Special Needs Assistant

St Joseph's NS

Dublin Road Dublin Road Longford Town Longford N39 DY23
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MAIN DETAILS

Status:	Active
Level:	Primary
Date Posted:	Fri Nov 6 2026
Application Closing Date:	Fri Nov 20 2026
Commencement Date:	Mon Nov 30 2026
Status of Post:	Part-Time
Number of Vacancies:	1

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type:	Mainstream with Special Classes
School Structure:	Vertical
Gender:	Girls with Infant Boys
School Patronage:	Catholic
Classification:	DEIS 1
Total No. of Teaching Staff:	55
Current Enrolment:	540
Droichead school:	Yes

POST DETAILS

Additional Information:
Special Needs Assistant (SNA) – INFANT DAY

St Joseph's National School is inviting applications for a INFANT DAY Special Needs Assistant (SNA) position for the 2026/2027 school year.

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.

Essential Requirements

The successful applicant must have:

*Significant experience supporting pupils with Autism, communication differences, and complex needs.
*A strong understanding and practical application of Positive Behaviour Support and Low Arousal Approaches.
*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 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 high volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates may be contacted.
*Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview by email.
*A panel may be formed from these interviews to fill any SNA vacancies that arise during the 2026/2027 school year.

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

- Email

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number:	18178R
Apply To:	recruitment@stjosephsns.ie Applications will only be accepted by email. Please ensure the subject line of your email clearly states "SNA Recruitment" to ensure your application is processed correctly. Only applications received by email with the appropriate subject line will be considered. INTERVIEWS MAY TAKE PLACE THE WEEK BEGINNING 23/11/2026
County:	Longford
Website:	https://www.stjosephsns.ie

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