

ADVERT ID 121393

## Special Needs Assistant

### St Anthony's SS

Humbert Way Castlebar F23W704  
<https://www.stanthonymayo.ie>

#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Deactivated  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Fri Jun 7 2019 13:42:43  
**Application Closing Date:** Fri Jun 21 2019  
**Commencement Date:** Mon Sep 2 2019  
**Status of Post:** Standard SNA  
**Number of Vacancies:** 1

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Special School  
**Gender:** Co-Educational  
**School Patronage:** Other  
**Total No. of Teaching Staff:** 9  
**Current Enrolment:** 59  
**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:** St. Anthony's is a Special School catering for pupils ages 4 - 18 years old. Pupils have Mild/Moderate Intellectual Difficulties and/or Multiple Disabilities which include Autism, ADHD, Physical Disabilities, Sensory Impairments, EBD, medical conditions, various syndromes and challenging behaviour.

The qualifications and conditions of service are as specified by the Department of Education and Skills. It would be desirable that the successful candidate would have completed an appropriate Special Needs Assistant Course and have the necessary skills and interest in working with pupils who have complex profiles and challenging needs.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Applicants must have experience in working with pupils with Intellectual, Physical, Sensory and Complex Difficulties, including Autism, in a Special School or Primary Special Class setting.
- Applicants must have a solid understanding of ASD and methodologies used in primary school settings such as TEACCH, ABA, Pecs, Social Stories, Schedules etc
- Experience of supporting students with challenging behaviour and using positive approaches to respond to challenging behaviour is essential. Recent or current training in Positive Behaviour Management such as MAPA CPI, Pathways, Studio 3 or from NCSE/SESS would be desirable.
- Willingness to participate in all school activities, including swimming, work as part of a team and avail of further training.

It would be desirable for applicants to have current training in First Aid and Manual/Patient Handling, experience in managing care conditions of children with epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, assisting pupils with personal hygiene/toileting including use of specialised equipment such as hoists, and training or use of ISL/Lamh, PECs or communication aids with children.

Applicants who are deemed to be members of the SNA Supplementary Panel must submit a certified copy of the completed Panel Form PF1 with their application.

Appointment is subject to current vetting requirements, Occupational Health Screening, completion of the online TUSLA Child Safeguarding Training and satisfactory references. All SNA posts are subject to DES/NCSE review annually.

#### IMPORTANT

- Only applications via post will be considered and please enclose TWO copies of ALL documentation. Clearly mark envelopes "SNA APPLICATION 2019".
- Only those shortlisted for interview will be contacted. Contact regarding interviews will be via email so please ensure to include a valid clear email address for correspondence.
- Applications will not be returned so do not enclose original documents.
- Any Canvassing will disqualify without exception

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Application
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Post

#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

**Roll Number:** 19248R  
**Apply To:** "SNA Application 2019"  
FAO: Chairperson  
St. Anthony's Special School  
Humbert Way  
Castlebar  
Co. Mayo  
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**County:** Mayo  
**Enquiries To:** [stanthonismayo@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonismayo@gmail.com)  
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