

ADVERT ID 138088

## Special Needs Assistant

### St Anthony's SS

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

#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Deactivated  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Tue Jun 30 2020  
**Application Closing Date:** Fri Jul 31 2020  
**Commencement Date:** Mon Aug 31 2020  
**Status of Post:** Part-Time  
**Number of Vacancies:** 2

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Special School  
**Gender:** Co-Educational  
**School Patronage:** Other  
**Total No. of Teaching Staff:** 9  
**Current Enrolment:** 66  
**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 who have Mild/Moderate Intellectual Difficulties, 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.

There are two 16 hours part time posts available.

##### Essential Criteria:

- Applicants must have experience in working with pupils with Intellectual, Physical, Sensory or Complex Difficulties, including Autism, in a Specialist Setting.
- Applicants must have a solid understanding of ASD and methodologies used such as TEACCH, ABA, Pecs, Social Stories, Schedules
- 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.
- As one of the posts involves a lot of work with medical care needs it would be essential 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, and assisting pupils with personal hygiene/toileting including use of specialised equipment such as hoists and wheelchairs.

- 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

- Postal applications preferred but online applications will be considered. Clearly mark envelopes or subject line in email with "SNA APPLICATION 2020".
- Only those shortlisted for interview will be contacted. Contact regarding interviews will be via email only so please ensure to include a valid and clear email address for correspondence.
- Applications will not be returned so do not enclose original documents.
- Any Canvassing will disqualify without exception

It is proposed to conduct interviews in mid-August 2020. Note: Interviews may have to take place virtually depending on Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time. It is up to the candidate to ensure they can engage in online interviews if it is required.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Application
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts - in English](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email
- Post

#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

<b>Roll Number:</b>	19248R
<b>Apply To:</b>	Chairperson St. Anthony's Special School Humbert Way Castlebar Co Mayo F23W704
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