

ADVERT ID 187647

## Special Needs Assistant

### St Mary's Special School

Johnstown Educational Campus Johnstown Navan C15PFK7  
<https://stmarysspecialschooljohnstown.com/>

#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Deactivated  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Thu Mar 30 2023  
**Application Closing Date:** Fri Apr 14 2023  
**Commencement Date:** Tue Aug 29 2023  
**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:** 19  
**Current Enrolment:** 84  
**Droichead school:** No

#### POST DETAILS

##### Additional Information:

St Mary's Special School is located in Navan Co Meath. It educates children between 4- 18 years of age who present and have a diagnosis of moderate, severe and profound General Learning Disabilities, as well as, children with ASD and complex needs. St Mary's also provides education to children who have complex medical needs.

Please apply in writing to The Chairperson of the Board of Management - St Mary's Special School, Johnstown, Navan Co Meath. Please mark "SNA fixed term position" on the envelope.

Please see below the Essential Criteria required for the post:

1. A level 3 qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications, OR
2. A minimum of three grade Ds in the Junior Certificate, OR
3. Equivalent.

Desirable criteria but not essential:

An appropriate SNA course.

Third level qualification in a relevant area.

Knowledge and Understanding of different teaching methodologies e.g. TEACCH

Previous experience working for at least 1 year within a special school or ASD Unit is desirable.

Courses relevant to Special education: PECS, Lamh (level 1)

Basic computer skills

First Aid certificate- in date

Manual Lifting and handling Certificate- in date

Administration of Buccal Midazolam course - in date

MAPA course- In date.

General description of the duties:

- Assistance with moving and lifting of children, operation of hoists and equipment
- Assistance with toileting and intimate care.
- PEG feeding
- Enabling curriculum access for pupils with physical disabilities or sensory needs and those with significant, and identified behavioural difficulties
- To participate in the preparation of teaching materials
- Assist teachers to support children with behavioural needs
- Administration of Medication
- Assistance with Mobility and Orientation
- Assist teachers to provide supervision in the class, playground and school grounds
- Non-nursing care needs associated with specific medical conditions
- Care needs requiring frequent interventions including withdrawal of a pupil from a classroom when essential

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.

Applicants who are deemed to be members of the SNA SUPPLEMENTARY PANEL, with supplementary panel rights, must furnish a certified copy of a completed PF1 Form with their application.

Completed applications will not be accepted by email or fax. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please note that The Board shall obtain from the successful candidate, prior to appointment, a certificate of medical fitness that he/she is fit to undertake the duties of the post.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- [It is a requirement to hold a valid Statutory Declaration and to complete the Form of Undertaking for this position.](#)
- Letter of Application
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- CV (Unbound/Slide Binder)

Applications may be submitted by

- Post

#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

**Roll Number:** 19560T  
**Apply To:** The Chairperson  
 St Mary's Special School  
 Johnstown  
 Navan  
 Navan  
 C15H735  
**County:** Meath  
**Enquiries To:** [smspschoolnavan@gmail.com](mailto:smspschoolnavan@gmail.com)  
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