

ADVERT ID 234153

Special Class Teacher

St Joseph's SS

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MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Wed May 28 2025
Application Closing Date: Wed Jun 11 2025
Commencement Date: Wed Aug 27 2025
Status of Post: Permanent
Number of Vacancies: 1

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Special School
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Other
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 15
Current Enrolment: 81
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 Joseph's Special School – Demanding and Rewarding Teaching Roles

St Joseph's Special School provides intensive support for pupils aged 4-18 with moderate general learning disabilities, the majority of whom (approximately 85%) have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or multiple and complex disabilities.

This is a highly specialised and challenging educational environment requiring substantial experience, emotional resilience, and a strong commitment to inclusive education. Our dedicated staff work collaboratively to support the unique and complex needs of our pupils and their families.

We are currently recruiting for:
1 Permanent Teaching Position

3 Specific-Purpose Temporary Teaching Positions
Panel of Substitutes

These roles are best suited to experienced teachers, or newly qualified teachers with a strong passion and demonstrable commitment to special education.

Our team includes 14 class teachers, 37 Special Needs Assistants (SNAs), and subject teachers. Success in this environment requires a high degree of collaboration, flexibility, and professional

maturity.

Essential Criteria (Applications not meeting all will not be considered):
Applicants must have direct, substantial experience in:

Teaching pupils with moderate intellectual disabilities, ASD, physical, sensory, or complex needs in a special school or comparable setting

Managing challenging behaviours, including implementing behaviour support and regulation strategies

Collaborating closely with SNAs, including contributions to behaviour management and care planning

You must clearly address each criterion in your letter of application. Generic or incomplete applications will not be shortlisted.

Desirable Experience – Will Aid Shortlisting:
Managing or supporting:

Toileting, hygiene, and other complex care routines

Physiotherapy, Speech & Language Therapy (SLT), Occupational Therapy (OT), and aquatics

Familiarity with a variety of curricula: Primary Curriculum, or Junior Cycle Level 1/2 Learning Programmes

Proficiency with Assistive Technology, AAC devices, and educational apps for learners with special needs

Collaborative work with Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs)

Experience in developing and implementing IEPs or PPPs

LÁMH sign language

A clear and demonstrated desire to work in special education

Application Instructions – Strictly Enforced:
Applications must include only the following two attachments:

Completed Standard Application Form

Letter of Application, clearly addressing how you meet each of the essential criteria

Applications that include more than two attachments or omit required documents will not be processed.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
Interviews are scheduled for early June.

Please apply only if you meet the essential criteria and are prepared for the rewarding challenges of working in a special school setting.

Note: Canvassing will disqualify.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Application
- [Standard Application Form for Teaching Posts - in English](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

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