

ADVERT ID 249567

Special Needs Assistant

Abacas Special School

Abacas Special School Treepark Road Kilnamanagh, D24A2XF
<https://www.abacasspecialschool.ie>



MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Fri Mar 27 2026
Application Closing Date: Fri Apr 24 2026
Commencement Date: Thu Aug 27 2026
Status of Post: Fixed-term
Number of Vacancies: 1

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Special School
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Other
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 6
Current Enrolment: 30
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:

ABACAS Kilnamanagh is a special school for children with Autism and Complex Needs. We are currently seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Special Needs Assistant for a fixed-term position covering a career break.

The successful applicant will join a supportive and collaborative environment, working alongside a classroom teacher, a team of highly skilled and experienced SNAs, an onsite Behaviour Practitioner, and external visiting professionals.

ABACAS has worked extensively with the Middletown Centre of Autism and the NCSE to adopt neuroaffirming approaches, grounded in unconditional positive regard for the children we support.

Key Requirements

Significant experience working with pupils with Autism and communication difficulties in an educational setting

Demonstrated experience in managing behaviours of concern

Strong understanding and application of positive behaviour support strategies

Ability to implement low arousal, therapeutic approaches to support children with complex needs

A flexible, proactive attitude and willingness to learn and develop new strategies

Ability to work effectively as part of an established and successful team.

We offer;

A highly supportive and professional working environment

Opportunities to collaborate with experienced SNAs and multidisciplinary professionals

Ongoing learning and development in evidence-based, neuroaffirming practices

Please submit your application via email and include 'SNA Application' in the subject line.

Please only supply the required documents with your application.

Experience working in a special school is essential. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Other roles available

Fixed term full time role covering Jobshare

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.)
- CV (Digital)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

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