

ADVERT ID 252128

## Special School Student Teacher Placement

### Scoil Bernadette

Bonnington Montenotte Cork  
<https://www.scoilbernadette.com>



#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Post Primary  
**Date Posted:** Mon May 11 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Mon May 18 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Wed May 20 2026  
**Status of Post:** Substitute  
**Number of Vacancies:** 2  
**Number of hours per week:** 25

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Special School  
**School Structure:** Co-Educational  
**Current Enrolment:** 130  
**Droichead school:** Yes

#### POST DETAILS

##### Additional Information:

Scoil Bernadette is a co-educational post-primary special school, which caters for the needs of students aged 12 – 18 years with mild general learning disabilities. The aim of the school staff is to provide a secure, caring and supportive environment, through the provision of personal, academic, vocational and relevant life skill programmes.

We are seeking to employ 2 teachers as per Department of Education initiative:

"Special Schools will have the ability to recruit for two student teacher placements from late May\* until the end of summer programme in their schools. Graduate teachers and PME student teachers in their final year can take up this new role.

A new initiative known as the Special School Student Teacher Placement was introduced in relation to the 2024 Summer Programme. This initiative is continuing again in 2026. As part of this initiative, graduate teachers and PME student teachers who are in their final year can work as a student teacher in a Special School and on the Summer Programme. Schools will be able to recruit up to two student teachers from the 3rd week in May 2026 (or on completion of exams) until the end of the school based summer programme. This will allow student teachers to gain valuable relevant experience in a special education setting and will assist special schools during a very busy period in their school year. It will also assist with familiarisation and preparation leading into a summer programme.

During the months of May and June, whilst the employment would be at the discretion of the Principal, the student teacher would primarily be deployed to provide substitute cover for any staff absences. In July, the student teacher must work on the school's Summer Programme.

They would be subject to the same conditions outlined in the sections Recruitment of graduate teachers/PME student teachers as follows:

Graduate Teachers

Where the registration process with the Teaching Council has commenced, the graduate teacher

must:

1. Have received their final results from their HEI confirming they are eligible for registration with the Teaching Council.
2. Have their Garda vetting completed as part of their application for registration with the Teaching Council.
3. Have their registration with the Council finalised prior to 03 October 2026.

Teachers who are registered under Primary Route 1 can only be paid the primary qualified rate from the registration date as advised by the Teaching Council. Otherwise, the unqualified rate will apply.

#### PME Student Teachers

Applies to student teachers, who have registered with the Teaching Council under Route 3 - Further Education, who can work on the summer programme.

PME student teachers currently in Year 1 of the programme, who have applied for registration with the Teaching Council under Further Education, can be engaged by special schools if:

1. Garda vetting has been completed as part of their application for registration with the Teaching Council.
2. Their registration with the Council under Further Education will be finalised prior to 03 October 2026.

PME student teachers who are registered with the Teaching Council under the Further Education route will be paid at the unqualified rate for the duration of the internship. "

Further information can be found on page 15 of the guidelines booklet:

[https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/ff4af52a/2026\\_Summer\\_Programme\\_Overview\\_-\\_Special\\_Schools.pdf](https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/ff4af52a/2026_Summer_Programme_Overview_-_Special_Schools.pdf)

This recruitment process is an informal process where the student teacher submits an application letter and a short CV by email, which outlines their vision for working in our school and on the summer programme. Applications may be shortlisted and applicants may be invited to call in person for an informal chat.

Please send applications to [principal@scoilbernadette.com](mailto:principal@scoilbernadette.com)

#### 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.)
- Teaching Council Registration
- CV (Digital)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

Telephone enquiries welcome

#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

**Roll Number:** 18458A  
**Apply To:** Bonnington  
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Cork  
**County:** Cork  
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