

ADVERT ID 253702

Principal Teacher

Sonas Special JPS

Carrigaline Education Campus Ardnacloghy Carrigaline P43EF95
<https://www.sonascork.ie>

MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Thu May 28 2026
Application Closing Date: Fri Jun 12 2026
Commencement Date: Tue Sep 1 2026
Status of Post: Permanent

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Special School
School Structure: Junior School
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 10
Current Enrolment: 48
Droichead school: No

POST DETAILS

Additional Information:

Sonas Special Junior Primary School is a school for Autistic children with Complex Needs aged 3-6 years old under the patronage of the Brothers of Charity. The school seeks to appoint an Administrative Principal beginning on September 1st 2026.

Sonas is a state of the art school purpose designed to meet the needs of its wonderful pupils. We are a welcoming, inclusive and community-focused school that creates a nurturing environment for pupils to thrive and reach their potential.

The Principal will lead a highly trained, dedicated and collaborative staff and will work closely with the Board of Management, parents and the wider school community to ensure the continued development and success of the school.

The roles and responsibilities of the post relate to the four domains of Leadership and Management as outlined in DES Circular 0044/2019:

- Leading Teaching and Learning
- Managing the Organisation
- Leading School Development
- Developing Leadership Capacity

The successful candidate should demonstrate:

- Excellent knowledge and experience of SEN
- Strong leadership skills

- An indepth knowledge of the curriculum and how this can be implemented to best effect in Sonas

- Evidence of ongoing professional development

- Have at least 5 years teaching experience in a Special Education setting

- Experience in school improvement planning, school self-evaluation and policy development

- Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills

- A clear and ambitious vision for high quality teaching and learning in Sonas

- Experience in the development, implementation, management and evaluation of innovative

school initiatives

The appointment will be subject to, but not limited to satisfactory references, current and continuing Teaching Council Registration, current vetting requirements and Occupational Health Screening.

A minimum of three eligible applications are required for this competition to proceed.

Applications only on the Standard Application Form. This form is to be filled in and signed digitally using Arial font 12 and returned in PDF format to the following email only: recruitment@sonascork.ie. All questions on the form must be answered and the question numbers or sequences on the form are not to be changed.

Applications to be sent by email, as detailed above, no later than 5pm on June 12th 2026.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- [It is a requirement to hold a valid Statutory Declaration and to complete the Form of Undertaking for this position.](#)
- [Standard Application Form for Principalship/Deputy Principalship - in English](#)
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Teaching Council Registration

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number:	201620
Apply To:	Chairperson, Sonas Board of Management Carrigaline Education Campus Carrigaline Cork
County:	Cork
Enquiries To:	admin@sonascork.ie
Website:	https://www.sonascork.ie

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