

ADVERT ID 255203

## Special Needs Assistant

### Fionntain Naofa

Shanahoe Abbeyleix Co.Laois R32F899  
<https://www.shanahoens.net>



#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Thu Jun 11 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Thu Jun 25 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Mon Aug 24 2026  
**Status of Post:** Fixed-term  
**Number of Vacancies:** 1

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Mainstream with Special Classes  
**School Structure:** Vertical  
**Gender:** Co-Educational  
**School Patronage:** Catholic  
**Total No. of Teaching Staff:** 5  
**Current Enrolment:** 60  
**Droichead school:** Yes

#### POST DETAILS

##### Additional Information:

This is a fixed term part-time position to cover one half of an SNA job share arrangement for the school year 2026-2027. The successful candidate will work on a half time rotational basis, namely Thursday and Friday each week and every second Wednesday with a permanent member of the SNA staff who is availing of the Job Share Scheme for Special Needs Assistants in the school year 2026-2027

The successful applicant will work under the guidance and direction of the school Principal. Applicants for the position must demonstrate:

1. An excellent understanding of the role of the Special Needs Assistant, as per the provisions of Circular 32/2026 from the Department of Education and Youth;
2. Experience of working with pupils with different Special Educational Needs, specifically Autism.
3. An understanding of the importance of flexibility and teamwork within different Special Education settings across the school i.e Special/Autism class settings and mainstream class settings;
4. An ongoing commitment to availing of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) opportunities.

N.B Please include the names, roles and mobile phone numbers of at least two professional referees from a school/early childhood education setting and/or facility for individuals with Special Educational Needs.

All applicants for the position must have completed the 'Children First E-Learning Programme' within the last 6 months. A copy of the certificate of completion for the programme must be included with the application for the position.

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Applications FAO the Chairperson of the Board of Management, Mr. Micheál Delaney, to the dedicated email address only shanahoeshoolrecruitment@gmail.com

Canvassing will disqualify.

Enquiries to Mr. Barry Whelan (Principal) at principalshanahoens@gmail.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.)
- Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts - in English](#)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

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