

ADVERT ID 255730

## Special Needs Assistant

### Saplings Kilkenny

Main St Goresbridge R95D2N2



#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Wed Jun 17 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Wed Jul 1 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Thu Aug 27 2026  
**Status of Post:** Standard SNA  
**Number of Vacancies:** 2

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Special School  
**School Structure:** Vertical  
**Gender:** Co-Educational  
**School Patronage:** Other  
**Total No. of Teaching Staff:** 2  
**Current Enrolment:** 12  
**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:

Saplings Special School Goresbridge is a school for pupils with Autism and other complex needs, aged 4 to 18 years. Applicants should have the minimum qualifications as per DES circular 44/2014.

There is one standard sna post and an additional job share post which is shared with a post holding SNA in the school. The working pattern is week on week off beginning on Thursday of each week for the duration of the school year.

##### Essential requirements:

- Experience working with autistic individuals in an educational setting.
- Experience supporting students with behaviours of concern in a special school environment.
- Evidence of CPD in the area of special needs would be advantageous.

The successful candidates should show that they are able to work as part of a team and participate fully in all school activities, and should demonstrate a willingness to avail of further training. They will be required to complete the usual documentation for the Primary Sector including Garda Vetting and Medmark assessment, and will be expected to respect the confidentiality of the pupils at all times.

Applications to be submitted by email only including SNA Application in the subject line. The position is subject to NCSE allocation and SENO review.

[It is a requirement to hold a valid Statutory Declaration and to complete the Form of Undertaking for this position upon offer of employment.](#)

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

**Roll Number:** 20377M  
**Apply To:** [principal.kilkenny@saplings.org](mailto:principal.kilkenny@saplings.org)  
**County:** Kilkenny  
**Further Information:** <https://www.saplingskilkenny.ie/>  
**Application Form:** [ApplicationFormforSpecialNeedsAssistant\\_English.pdf](#)

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