

ADVERT ID 257495

## Special Needs Assistant

### St.Attracta's NS Charlestown

Lowpark Charlestown F12 T440  
<https://www.stattractasns.ie>



#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Thu Jun 25 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Thu Jul 9 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Thu Aug 27 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:** 20  
**Current Enrolment:** 265  
**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:

1 Position to be filled 0.83 Infant day position for the duration of the school year 26/27: The successful applicant may be required to work in both a mainstream setting and in an ASD class as directed by the Principal.

Applicants will be required to support a wide range of children with different needs that have access to SNA support in both the ASD class and the mainstream classes.

The successful candidate is expected to carry out the duties as per Circular 0030/2014.

To meet the needs of the school the following competencies are desirable:

- Knowledge and experience of working with children with Down Syndrome, ASD, ADHD, Diabetes, Challenging Behaviours and/or other complex needs.
- Experience with non-verbal communication systems like PECS and/or Lámh.
- Experience of working with children with toileting care needs.
- Child protection training and certification.
- Candidates must be able to work well within a team, display a strong work ethic, be flexible and demonstrate a willingness to avail of further training.

The successful candidate will be expected to respect the confidentiality of the students and school matters at all times and to respect and uphold the school ethos.  
Applicants must have the relevant qualifications as per Department of Education requirements.

The appointment is subject to satisfactory references, current Garda vetting requirements, and satisfactory pre-employment medical screening via the OHS and Patron approval. The successful candidates will be required to participate in in-school induction and planning with the principal and class teachers prior to the school re-opening in late August. This position is subject to NCSE allocation and SENO review.

Applications will only be accepted by email to [recruitment@stattractasns.ie](mailto:recruitment@stattractasns.ie) by 5.30pm on Thursday, July 9th 2026

Please indicate that you are applying for a 'Special Needs Assistant Vacancy' in the subject.

[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
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- [Standard Application Form for SNA Posts - in English](#)
- CV (Digital)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

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Charlestown  
F12 T440  
**County:** Mayo  
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