

ADVERT ID 257967

## Special Needs Assistant

### Bracken ETNS

Castlelands Balbriggan K32YE94  
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#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Tue Jun 30 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Tue Jul 14 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Wed Aug 26 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:** Educate Together  
**Classification:** DEIS 1  
**Total No. of Teaching Staff:** 37  
**Current Enrolment:** 405  
**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:

0.83 Hours Fixed-Term Contract – Junior Day

The general duties of this position will be in accordance with the Department of Education Circular 0032/2026.

We are seeking a dedicated, enthusiastic and professional Special Needs Assistant to join our school community. The successful candidate will be committed to supporting pupils to achieve their full potential within a caring, inclusive and child-centred environment.

##### Essential Criteria

The successful candidate must:

- Hold a Level 5 or Level 6 Special Needs Assisting qualification.
- Have experience working with autistic students and other neurodivergent learners.
- Have experience supporting children with communication difficulties.
- Have experience supporting children with medical conditions, complex needs, and social, emotional and behavioural needs within a school setting.
- Have experience implementing positive, proactive approaches to supporting behaviours of concern.
- Be energetic, enthusiastic, flexible and able to work effectively both independently and as part of

a team.

Demonstrate professionalism, discretion and a clear understanding of appropriate conduct within a school environment.

Be committed to promoting the wellbeing, dignity and inclusion of all pupils.

All staff are expected to actively engage in relevant Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and to support and uphold the ethos of the school. Evidence of engagement in relevant professional learning is desirable.

Please outline in your letter of application how your qualifications, skills and experience meet the requirements of this position.

Appointment is subject to:

Current Garda Vetting requirements.

Satisfactory Occupational Health screening.

Completion of the Children First online training programme.

Please ensure that your referees are relevant to your professional experience and are contactable.

[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

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