

ADVERT ID 258937

Principal Teacher

Walterstown NS

Walterstown N.S. Walterstown Cobh
<https://www.walterstownns.ie>



MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Thu Jul 16 2026
Application Closing Date: Thu Jul 30 2026
Commencement Date: Mon Aug 31 2026
Status of Post: Permanent

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Mainstream with Special Classes
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 14
Current Enrolment: 199
Droichead school: Yes

POST DETAILS

Additional Information:

Walterstown N.S., under the patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne, invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the permanent position of Administrative Principal Teacher, commencing on 31st Aug 2026.

Walterstown N.S. is a Catholic, inclusive and child-centred co-educational primary school. A strong sense of community, care and collaboration shapes daily school life. We are committed to high quality teaching and learning and to supporting every child to reach their full potential. From September 2026, we will have 7 mainstream classes, 4 special classes and 3.4 special education teachers.

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

The appointment process will be governed by the terms of Department of Education Circular 0044/2019. The roles and responsibilities relate to the four domains of leadership and management:

1. Leading Learning and Teaching
2. Managing the Organisation
3. Leading School Development
4. Developing Leadership Capacity

The successful candidate should demonstrate:

- A strong commitment to upholding the Catholic ethos, values and traditions of the school, and to fostering a positive, inclusive and supportive learning environment.
- A clear and ambitious vision for high quality teaching and learning.
- A strong commitment to inclusive, child centred education.

- Proven leadership, organisational and administrative experience within a school setting, including policy development, strategic planning and school self evaluation.
- Experience in prioritising, planning and organising workload.
- Strong leadership skills and experience in managing people.
- A thorough understanding of the Primary Curriculum and of effective learning and teaching practices.
- Experience in the development, implementation and evaluation of innovative school based initiatives.
- In depth knowledge and experience of Special Education (Mainstream, SET and Special Classes), with a commitment to inclusion and diversity.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and collaboration skills, with the ability to build and sustain positive relationships with staff, pupils, parents, the Board of Management, parish and external agencies.
- The capacity to empower staff, promote distributed leadership and support ongoing professional learning.
- Evidence of ongoing professional development relevant to school leadership.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Fully registered with the Teaching Council (Route 1 – Primary).
- Minimum of 5 years recognised teaching experience, two of which must be in a recognised primary school within the Republic of Ireland.
- Recognised Certificate to Teach Religious Education.

The appointment will be subject to satisfactory references, Garda Vetting, Occupational Health Screening and documentary evidence of qualifications and Teaching Council registration.

Applications may be submitted by email to: principalrecruitment2026@walterstownns.ie
Subject Line: Principal Application

Please note:

- Late applications will not be accepted after 5pm on the closing date.
- Shortlisting will apply.
- Canvassing will disqualify.
- Calls to interview will be issued via email.

[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

- [Standard Application Form for Principalship/Deputy Principalship - in English](#)
- Letter of Application
- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- Teaching Council Registration
- Recognised Certificate to Teach Religious Education

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number: 12281D
Apply To: principalrecruitment2026@walterstownns.ie
County: Cork
Website: <https://www.walterstownns.ie>
Further Information: <https://www.walterstownns.ie/>