

ADVERT ID 260296

## Special Needs Assistant

### St. Catherine's Senior School

Ratoath Road Cabra West D07 V045  
<https://www.stcatherinessenior.com>

#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Primary  
**Date Posted:** Thu Aug 6 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Thu Aug 20 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Thu Aug 27 2026  
**Status of Post:** Standard SNA  
**Number of Vacancies:** 2



#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Type:** Mainstream with Special Classes  
**School Structure:** Senior School  
**Gender:** Co-Educational  
**School Patronage:** Catholic  
**Classification:** DEIS 1  
**Total No. of Teaching Staff:** 14  
**Current Enrolment:** 150  
**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:

One Standard SNA post starting on 27/08/2026

We also have one 0.5 Special Needs Assistant (SNA) post available for the 2026–2027 school year, commencing on 2 September 2026. This position arises from a job-share arrangement. The successful applicant will work a rotating pattern of five consecutive days in school, from Wednesday to the following Tuesday, followed by five consecutive days off.

##### Overview of the School:

St. Catherine's Senior School has 8 mainstream classes and one ASD class from 2nd to 6th Class. We will become a co-educational school in September 2026.

There are 3 Special Education Teachers, 6 SNAs, a full-time secretary and part time caretaker within the school.

Our school day is from 8.40am to 2.30pm. The role will involve working with a number of children rather than one individual child. SNAs rotate weekly between classes.

The school has a vibrant and diverse enrolment and we are looking for an SNA who will enjoy working in a varied and fast-moving environment. Prioritising inclusion, practicing discretion and confidentiality while maintaining the dignity of our learners are key skills for this role.

- Experience of working with children with challenging behaviour and promotion of positive behaviour strategies.
- Experience of working with children with autism, complex needs and learning disabilities desired.
- Applicants 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.
- Applicants must be willing to participate in C.P.D. (continuous professional development) as required as a member of the special education team.

Appointment will be subject to current Garda vetting requirements, Occupational Health Screening and satisfactory references. Relevant qualifications required, as per Department of Education requirements. This post is subject to annual N.C.S.E. review.

Please enter 'SNA Application' in the subject line when emailing your application and state clearly whether you would like to apply for one or both posts.

Email applications to [jobapplications@stcatherinessenior.com](mailto:jobapplications@stcatherinessenior.com)

Interviews will take place in the week beginning Aug 24th 2026.

Whole School Planning Days on Tuesday 25th August & Wednesday 26th August 2026

Closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday 20th Aug at 10:00AM

[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:** 17465P  
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