

ADVERT ID 260784

Special Needs Assistant

Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School

Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Drinan Swords K67 P7Y5
<https://www.mpetss.ie>



MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Post Primary
Date Posted: Thu Aug 13 2026
Application Closing Date: Fri Aug 21 2026
Commencement Date: Wed Aug 26 2026
Status of Post: Fixed Purpose
Number of Vacancies: 1
Number of hours per week: 32

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Voluntary Secondary School
School Structure: Co-Educational
Current Enrolment: 690
Droichead school: Yes

POST DETAILS

Additional Information:

Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School (MPETSS) invites applications from enthusiastic and suitably qualified candidates for a Special Needs Assistant (SNA) Career Break Cover Position.

1 Full-Time Fixed-Term Post (32 Hours per Week)

The successful candidate will work as part of the school team in supporting the care needs of pupils with special educational needs, in accordance with the duties and responsibilities of Special Needs Assistants as determined by the Department of Education and Youth.

Essential Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the minimum educational requirements for appointment as a Special Needs Assistant as prescribed by the Department of Education and Youth.
The successful candidate will be required to comply with all applicable requirements relating to Garda Vetting, child safeguarding, references and occupational health, as appropriate.
Desirable Skills and Experience

The following competencies and experience would be advantageous:

Experience working as an SNA or working with children and young people with additional care needs.

Experience supporting pupils with a variety of special educational needs.

Ability to work effectively and collaboratively with teachers, SNAs, school management, parents/guardians and other relevant professionals.

Strong care, communication, interpersonal and organisational skills.

An understanding of the role of the SNA and the importance of promoting pupils' independence, dignity, inclusion and participation in school life.

Relevant additional training or qualifications appropriate to the needs of the school and pupils.

Specific competencies and/or requirements associated with the care needs of the pupil(s) supported by this post will form part of the selection process.

Application

Applicants should submit:

Curriculum Vitae, including details of relevant qualifications and experience.
Contact details for two referees.

Applications should be submitted by email to: recruitment@mpetss.ie

Additional Information

Shortlisting may apply. Only candidates shortlisted for interview will be contacted. Interviews will take place week of 24th August.

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory references, verification of qualifications, compliance with Garda Vetting and child safeguarding requirements, occupational health requirements where applicable, and the relevant Department of Education and Youth regulations and circulars.

The successful candidate will be required to respect and support the ethos of respect, equality, inclusion and student-centred learning within the school.

Malahide Portmarnock ETSS is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

[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

- Referees (name, role, contact no.)
- CV (Digital)

Applications may be submitted by

- Email

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number:	68308L
Apply To:	Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Drinan Swords K67 P7Y5 recruitment@mpetss.ie
County:	Dublin
Postal District:	County Dublin
Website:	https://www.mpetss.ie