

ADVERT ID 262422

Special Needs Assistant

St Killians

Old Youghal Road Mayfield Cork T23 NV96
<https://www.stkillianscork.com>

MAIN DETAILS

Status: Active
Level: Primary
Date Posted: Fri Sep 18 2026
Application Closing Date: Fri Oct 2 2026
Commencement Date: Mon Nov 16 2026
Status of Post: Permanent
Number of Vacancies: 1

SCHOOL DETAILS

School Type: Special School
School Structure: Vertical
Gender: Co-Educational
School Patronage: Catholic
Total No. of Teaching Staff: 17
Current Enrolment: 103
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:

St Killian's is a Special School for pupils with a range of diagnoses including SLD/ASD/SSLD/DCD.

POSTS: 1 Permanent Post and 1 Fixed Term Full-Time

Currently there are three class streams in St Killians.
Multi-Stream Classes-Pupils with a diagnosis of SLD/SSLD/DCD and/or ASD.
Autism Class Stream-Primary Diagnosis of Autism and mild/moderate GLD.
Autism Class Stream-Post Primary Pupils

Candidates are required to have minimum qualifications as per Department of Education and Skills Guidelines.

FETAC Level 5 in SEN or similar is essential, other desirable qualifications include: CPI, First Aid, Lámh, AAC, diabetes awareness, emergency epilepsy medication training. Please include details of any courses in your application.

It would also be essential for candidates to have worked in a special school/special class setting and have experience of working with pupils an Autism Diagnosis, Communication Difficulties, PECs, Lamh, Behaviours of Concern and pupils who require intimate care (toilet training and changing nappies) and administration of medication.

A proven ability to support the class team in pupil progress reviews, contribution to IEP planning and Pupil Support Plans is essential.

A proven ability to work in high care needs environments and to support pupils through the development of behaviour support plans in conjunction with the Class Teacher is desirable.

A proven ability working as a team is essential, with a focus at all times on Safety, Welfare and Care of pupils. To understand the dimensions of escalated behaviours and to suggest and contribute ideas to managing these safely with the dignity of the child and their peers in mind.

A proven ability and willingness to develop pupil specific resources in consultation with the class teacher is essential, such as sensory integration resources, sensory play resources, shoe-box tasks and movement/art based interventions.

A willingness to support pupil development and experience of early water skills (Hot Tub) and swimming where appropriate would be desirable.

Experience in a Post Primary Special Class setting would be an advantage. Willingness to work in a Post Primary Setting is essential.

Essential skills also include patience and quietness to encourage pupils to develop self-regulation skills and to plan for independence. A knowledge of the negative impacts of intense verbal prompts, close proximity and direction is essential. Any courses or experience in these areas are an advantage

Applicants who are deemed to be members of the SNA Supplementary Panel should include a copy of the PF1 form with the application.

Interview date TBC The date will be after the mid-term.
Please include the post/s that you are applying for in your cover letter.

[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

- Post

APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

Roll Number: 19410A
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