

Full or Part-time Sennie (SEN NANNY/MANNY) for B3

Additional needs present: Autism/ Autistic spectrum condition	Location: Belsize Park, NW3	Wage / Salary: £15 - £20 per hour gross depending on experience.	Driver: Non-Essential
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: 1 small dog (Dachshund)	Days & Hours: 2 - 4 days per week Term Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays and Tuesday: 8.30am - 6 pm (19 hours per week) or • Mondays and Tuesday: 8.30am - 6 pm • Wednesday 12pm - 6pm (25 hours per week) Nursery holidays: Approx 5 Weeks per year - Monday - Friday 8.30am - 6pm Preferred but not a deal-breaker: Saturdays 8.30pm - 6pm (additional 9.5 hours) and occasion/ad-hoc overnight stays.	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent understanding of Autism, including the importance of implementing routine/structure that allows flexibility to best suit B3 • Prior work experience with under 5's • Prior experience working as a sole charge Nanny or Sennie • Affectionate, engaging and has a great sense of humour • Physically fit and active • A desire to learn new skills and tools to support communication (Eg, PECS) • Ability to create and implement new routines and ideas for development • Clean and tidy • Fun and playful • Punctual, responsible and reliable • 2+ years of childcare experience and at least 1 year of experience supporting an Autistic child • Fluent English speaker • Confident and happy to batch cook meals for B3 	Desirable Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Makaton skills • Previous experience utilising PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) • Understanding of or prior experience working with speech and language therapies • Experience with potty training • An interest in Singing; Music; Drawing; Arts & Crafts • Completed a course in Autism Awareness • Able to support the family on holidays
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About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to help a loving and relaxed family in Belsize park find a Sennie to support their 3-year-old son who has recently received an Autism diagnosis. Both parents work from home and also have a 3-month-old daughter, however, this role is to support B3 on a 1:1 basis. They are currently living in a spacious flat and will be there for 1 year whilst their family home (in Hampstead) is renovated.

B3 currently has a part-time nanny (non-SEN trained) who is leaving to move closer to her family in Scotland. However, the family are excited for this opportunity to welcome a Sennie into their home, who can support them in learning new strategies that will best support B3's early intervention and early years development.

The family are looking for a kind, energetic and caring Sennie who can slot into their household with ease and play a vital part in B3's development over the next year. The family is committed to helping B3 achieve some significant milestones ahead of beginning primary school and want to work with and learn from their Sennie to

ensure the best outcome for their son, offering lots of opportunity for play and fun alongside teaching and learning.

About B3: B3 is a warm, happy and affectionate little boy who enjoys independent play, looking through books (the family describe him as a bookworm), cars rides, soft play, playgrounds (particularly the swings), the great outdoors (he thrives in nature) and museums. He received his Autism diagnosis in September 2021, scored low in his rigidity test (B3 is ok with a change in routine and quite happy to take a spontaneous trip out for lunch, however, he does struggle in a new, loud and crowded environment), attends mainstream nursery for half of the week (at present he doesn't require 1:1 support) and also attends speech and language therapy once per week. Whilst B3's pre-verbal gestures (such as pointing) and eye contact regressed when he was 20 months, he has made fantastic progress in regaining some of these skills recently. At present, B3 is non-verbal, comfortable making some eye contact and uses preverbal gestures to communicate. When excited B3 may flap his arms and hands to self stimulate (also known as Stimming).

The family has started to implement Picture exchange (now and next boards) to support B3 in communicating his needs (particularly in food and preferred activities) and supporting his daily routine. B3 has great gross and fine motor skills. He currently can form relationships quite easily. Whilst he is not interested in directly playing with other children, he enjoys parallel play and is very popular at nursery.

B3 Key areas for development and support are:

- Speech, language and social communication
- Helping B3 adjust and build a relationship with his new baby sister
- Understanding and forming friendships
- Controlling his frustration and supporting self-regulation (When B3 is distressed a meltdown can come on suddenly but is short-lived. This typically presents as loud screaming, tears and pacing around the house. B3 also finds comfort from burying himself under the sofa cushions and blankets due to the sensory feedback he receives) Most meltdowns are triggered by his frustration at not being able to communicate his wants and needs or feeling overwhelmed in a new, loud and busy environment
- Transitions
- Processing - (at present B3 can follow 1 instruction well but if given multiple things to do, he struggles to process the tasks and may not complete any of them)
- Supporting B3 with potty training/toileting
- Engaging with B3's development and actively encouraging his learning and curiosity
- Providing a positive and loving environment for B3 to feel nurtured
- Supporting the family in running errands as and when required

Main Duties include:

- Planning and taking B3 out for fun adventures
- Nursery pick up
- Bath and bedtime routine
- Meal planning and preparation
- Creating / sourcing visual aids (timetables, meal plans, picture exchange etc)
- Planning varied and tailored educational activities
- Joining a speech and language therapy session once a week and learning to use the techniques learnt there
- Supporting B3 with a picture-exchange communication
- Helping the family with new transitions
- Preparing B3's meals (preferably batch cooking for B3)
- Sole charge care for B3 ensuring his safety and well-being in a positive and playful manner

To apply for this amazing role please head to the SENNIES website and fill in our online application form. Don't forget to quote the reference number 0108