

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY) for B7 and G5

Additional needs present: Autism, PDA, Gestalt processor level 4	Location: Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14	Wage / Salary: Approx £30,000 per annum gross	Driver: Essential - with own car
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: Dogs - in the near future.	Days & Hours: Approx 32 per week, increasing to up to 40 during school holidays for up to 6 weeks per year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Thursday: 6 hours per day (totalling 24 hours) - e.g 7 AM to 10 AM for school preparation, school run and tidying. 1:45 PM to 5:45 PM for food prep and activities. Friday: 6 hours 50% of Fridays depending on work mums commitments (3 hours per week average). Flexibility: An average of 5 hours per week for weekend support, with help needed for 3 weekends per year (hours can be pooled and scheduled by mutual agreement). 	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ Years SEN Childcare experience
- Full, clean UK Driving Licence with own car
- Understanding of Autism
- Respectful and Compassionate
- Calm, reliable, caring, honest, trustworthy, fun and Nurturing

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a lovely family seeking an engaging and supportive Sennie to care for their two wonderful children: B7 and G5. The role will involve wraparound care during the week, with potential for additional weekend hours arranged on an ad-hoc basis. The role includes helping with the morning routine, arriving at the family home around 7 am to assist in getting the children ready for school. After ensuring the children are prepared, the Sennie will be responsible for transporting them to school and picking them up in the afternoon. Once home, the Sennie will support the children by preparing tea, assisting with homework, and helping B7 with focus and confidence-building. G5 will also need support in developing her communication and social skills.

The family would like the Sennie to create a calm, organised home environment by maintaining a tidy space where toys and crafts are set up for the children to enjoy when they return from school. Encouraging creativity through engaging activities like crafts and play will be a key part of the role. Additionally, preparing nutritious home-cooked meals for the children is essential, and occasionally preparing meals for the whole family would be appreciated. Baking with the children would also be encouraged as a fun, interactive activity. Light household tasks, such as ironing the children's clothes and tidying the children's areas would be also appreciated.

The family is flexible with hours and is open to discussing a schedule that suits both parties. This could involve splitting time between 2-3 hours in the morning and 3-4 hours in the afternoon, or a shorter morning shift followed by longer afternoon care. As mum has some Fridays off work, fewer hours may be required on certain Fridays. There may also be occasional weekend care required when both parents have work commitments, around 3 weekends per year. Additionally, the family may occasionally need support for evenings out, though this will be arranged by mutual agreement.

The ideal candidate will be someone who can provide structure and enthusiasm while supporting G5's autism and helping B7 focus on his homework. The family is looking for a warm and nurturing individual who can create a calm and joyful atmosphere where both children feel happy, respected, and supported. Prior experience with an understanding of how to support G5's social and communication development would be beneficial. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a friendly, hard-working family that values laughter, love, and the joy their children bring to the home. The family is open to discussing hours and arrangements to ensure the best fit for both the Sennie and the family.

About the child/children: B7 (Neurotypical) is a vibrant, creative, and energetic child with a wide range of interests that bring out his joyful personality. He has a particular love for his iPad, he enjoys exploring interactive games and videos, which captivate his curious mind. Beyond screen time, B7 thrives in hands-on activities. He has a real passion for arts and crafts, especially when it comes to modelling and creating things with his hands. Whether it's clay, building kits, or drawing, he loves to express his imagination through various creative outlets. His love for arts is matched by his enthusiasm for physical activity, especially on the trampoline, where he can burn off energy and have fun. Magic tricks are another one of B7's favourite activities. Overall, B7 is a bright and lively child with a zest for life. He enjoys a balance of creative, physical, and intellectual activities that keep him engaged and happy. Supporting him in these areas would not only nurture his natural talents but also help him continue to grow and explore new interests.

B7 would benefit greatly from a Sennie who can provide a nurturing and encouraging environment, helping him build confidence and self-esteem. He is a bright and creative child, but he can be quite hard on himself, especially when things don't come easily. A Sennie who can offer gentle reassurance and celebrate small achievements will help B7 develop a sense of pride in his efforts, even when things are challenging. A Sennie can support him by breaking tasks into manageable steps, offering praise for progress, and helping him learn that making mistakes is part of the learning process. Encouragement is key, and a Sennie who is patient and can calmly guide him through moments of frustration will help him grow in resilience.

Supporting B7 with his music practice and homework is another crucial area where a Sennie can make a positive impact. A Sennie who can make these sessions fun and rewarding will not only keep him engaged but also help him see the value of persistence. Similarly, with homework, B7 can sometimes lose focus or become discouraged if he doesn't grasp something right away. Providing one-on-one attention, breaking down tasks, and using creative methods to keep him engaged will ensure that he continues to progress academically.

Overall, a Sennie who is empathetic, patient, and skilled at boosting confidence will help B7 thrive. By fostering a positive, supportive atmosphere, they can encourage him to embrace challenges and take pride in his growth.

G5 (Autism with a PDA profile and Gestalt processor level 4). G5 is a bright and curious child who has a deep love for books and enjoys the comfort of her iPad. She has a unique way of engaging with her toys, often finding joy in lining them up in her own thoughtful, organised manner. G5 is drawn to activities that provide a sense of structure and calm, which reflects her preference for predictability and order. One of G5's favourite activities is bouncing on the trampoline, where she can release energy and experience the sensory input she craves. She also loves spending time at the park, where she can explore her surroundings at her own pace. G5 finds comfort in her bean bag, which serves as a cosy spot where she can retreat when she needs downtime. Music plays a big role in her world, and she loves listening to songs, often engaging with them in her own special way. Jigsaw puzzles are another favourite activity for G5, allowing her to focus and solve problems in a way that appeals to her sense of logic and structure.

A Sennie can play a crucial role in supporting and developing G5's interests and skills. Given her love for books, a Sennie can introduce new stories that encourage her language development and nurture her imagination. Since G5 enjoys structured activities like lining up toys and completing jigsaws, a Sennie can further these skills by gently introducing new challenges that encourage problem-solving while maintaining the sense of order that G5 thrives on. G5's passion for music and songs can be supported by incorporating rhythm and movement into her daily routine, helping her to engage with the world in a way that feels safe and fun. With her love for the trampoline and outdoor activities, a Sennie can ensure that she gets plenty of physical activity, which is essential for her sensory needs and overall well-being.

To support her academic development, G5's interest in puzzles can be linked to learning foundational skills in reading and maths. A Sennie could introduce fun, hands-on activities that reinforce early maths concepts, such

as counting, sorting, or identifying shapes during play with her toys or while outdoors. For reading, building on her love of books, the Sennie can introduce phonics-based games or simple reading exercises that encourage her to recognise letters and sounds.

By creating a calm, structured, and nurturing environment, a Sennie can help G5 develop not only her communication and socialisation skills but also foster her confidence in reading and maths.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that G5:*

- *Resists changes to familiar routines; Is attracted to lights; Is fascinated by shiny objects and bright colours; Touches the walls of rooms; Remembers routes and places extremely well; Can memorise large amounts of information on certain topics; Covers ears when hears certain sounds; Is very distressed by certain sounds; Bangs objects and doors; Is attracted by sounds and noises; Likes a hug if chosen to do this; Very good auditory memory for songs and rhymes; Dislikes the feel of certain fabrics and substances; Seems unaware of pain and temperature; Likes to have food presented in a certain way on the plate*

Who this role would suit:

- Has experience working with children, particularly those with autism.
- Someone who is patient, nurturing, and able to provide encouragement to build self-esteem.
- A Sennie that is creative and can incorporate fun activities into learning and development.
- Enjoys engaging in interactive reading and storytelling to enhance communication skills.
- Is flexible and adaptable, able to meet G5's structured needs while promoting socialisation.
- A Sennie that can facilitate a calm and supportive environment, helping to reduce anxiety during social interactions.
- Has a playful and energetic approach, encouraging active play on the trampoline and in the park.
- Is committed to fostering G5's academic development in reading and maths through engaging and hands-on activities.
- Can be a positive role model, helping G5 develop confidence in her abilities and interests.

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