

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B6

Additional needs present: Downs Syndrome	Location: London, SE11	Wage / Salary: Approx £24,000 - £27,000 per annum gross	Driver: Not essential
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: None	Days & Hours: Term Time: Monday - Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.30pm - 7.30pm School Holidays: <i>Potentially more hours in the holidays - to be agreed in advance by both Family and Sennie.</i>	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ years SEN Childcare experience.
- Strong understanding of Makaton and/or knowledge of Makaton that could be built upon quickly.
- Incorporating Speech and Language Therapy strategies into fun, engaging activities at home.
- Experience with children with additional/special educational needs preferred, especially with Down Syndrome.
- Skilled in implementing a balanced daily structure.

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a caring family of 3 in finding a dedicated Sennie.B6 currently attends a mainstream school (Year 1) where he receives Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy (SALT). The Sennie will be responsible for continuing and incorporating this therapy into his daily routine. Whilst B6 is verbal, he does use some Makaton so the family wants someone who knows or would learn quickly to use Makaton proficiently day to day.

As both parents maintain full-time jobs, the Sennie's primary responsibility involves collecting B6 from school and accompanying him home. Once back, the Sennie will engage B6 in activities tailored to his interests, which may include reading, park outings, swimming or other after school activities. Additionally, the role also includes attending to B6's household duties, including laundry, organising his belongings, preparing healthy and nutritious meals and feeding him, and tidying up post-meals. Furthermore, the Sennie will coordinate and participate in appropriate activities and transport B6 to appointments and playdates. Running errands for the parents may also be required at times. The Sennie will also recognise the importance of timely and accurate communication and correspondence with the parents.

About the child/children: B6 is a clever, bright and affectionate little boy. He finds joy in music and singing, often showcasing his rhythmic talents. Swimming and being in the water bring him immense happiness, where he embraces the excitement of aquatic activities. His playful side shines through as he delights in fooling around, bringing laughter and joy to those around him. In addition to his active pursuits, B6 finds comfort and entertainment in quieter moments with books and television. Shows like "Mr. Tumble," "Steve and Maggie," and "Bananas in Pyjamas" captivate his attention. B6 enjoys outings to the park where he engages in the climbing frames and enjoys the swings, however, heights can sometimes trigger his fear. B6 responds well to routines.

B6 has Downs Syndrome. Although B6 is very good at communicating his needs and wants and understands verbal communications, he struggles with expressive speech and speech clarity and uses Makaton along with his verbal communication. Knowledge of Makaton/or desire to learn would be desirable for this position. (Family will be willing to point to the relevant resources/courses or even teach the more important signs). B6 has mild/moderate hearing loss (glue ear) and has to wear a bone-conducting hearing aid to assist with his speech

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clarity. The family are looking for a nurturing Sennie to assist their son in fostering self care skills and appropriate social behaviours. Whilst B6 is toilet trained, he needs a gentle prompt approximately every two hours to go. The Sennie will need to support the family in encouraging B6 to recognise when he needs to go to the toilet.

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

- *Likes a hug if chosen to do this*

Who this role would suit:

- A kind, caring individual with a passion for SEN Childcare.
- An organised Sennie, being able to build a good daily routine and implement learning strategies to help B6 achieve his full potential.
- A Sennie with experience and understanding of Downs Syndrome.
- An energetic, active Sennie who loves going to the park and being outdoors.
- Someone with prior experience supporting a child in Speech and Language Therapies and exercises in everyday life.
- A Sennie that is able to create a safe, loving and stimulating environment for B6.

Lead Recruiter: Anita - Anita@sennies.co.uk

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