

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B5 & B2

Additional needs present: Autism & PDA	Location: Winchester, SO20	Wage / Salary: From £50,000 per annum depending on experience	Driver: Essential – car provided on duty
Live in/out: Live in or Live out <hr/> Accommodation: separate accommodation with own entrance / kitchen / bathroom / living room.	Pets: 1 x Dog (Cockapoo)	Days & Hours: Term Time: 38.5 hours per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - Thursday: 7:30am - 10:30am & 3pm to 6pm Friday: 8:30am - 6pm One night of babysitting a week (5 hours) School Holidays: 54.5 hours per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - Thursday: 8am - 6pm Friday: 8:30am - 6pm One night of babysitting a week (5 hours) 	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ years of SEN childcare experience
- Strong familiarity and understanding of PDA is a must.
- Prior experience and a great understanding of Autism
- Emotionally resilient
- Comfortable with dogs
- Has a firm but fair approach to boundaries - fun energy is key!
- Strong initiative and can work independently without constant supervision
- Willing to support with household management and organisation (excluding cleaning)
- Child-Related Tasks: Supports family with child-related tasks.
- Previous experience in a sole charge childcare role and willing to do sole charge when the family goes away - days off will be given in lieu.

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is thrilled to assist a dynamic family of four in their search for a Sennie (SEN Nanny/specialist) with PDA experience to provide care for their two boys, aged 5 and 2. The family resides in the countryside and is open to offering live-in accommodations if required, in the form of a separate home by the side of their house, with use of the outdoor space including a pool and tennis court.

The family is also seeking help in organising and managing child-related tasks, which are often overshadowed in the midst of managing the children. They require a few hours each week for household management tasks and errands.

About the child/children: **B5** is a curious young boy with an impressive memory and vocabulary. He delights in reading, exploring nature, playing with cars, and is highly active, enjoying activities like soft play. His empathetic nature shines through in his strong bond with his younger brother and beloved dog. B5 also has a passion for Lego and construction, so the perfect Sennie would be able to nourish his interests and collaborate with him to create some remarkable structures!

He has recently received a diagnosis of Autism, specifically with a PDA (pathological demand avoidance) profile. B5 is verbal and displays a notable sense of empathy. He has been making positive strides at school, overcoming initial obstacles. His improvement has been significant enough that the school has been hesitant to apply for an EHCP. However, he faces particular dysregulation during school holidays.

Given the new diagnosis of Autism/PDA, the family is in the early stages of understanding how best to support B5. They are embracing fresh strategies and approaches, making the guidance of an experienced Sennie (SEN Nanny/Specialist) indispensable.

Currently, the family is adopting a Low Demand approach to support B5's PDA. This approach is new for them, and therefore they are seeking a Sennie who can provide support and guidance in navigating this approach.

They have initiated the use of a PECS board and visual scheduling to help B5 understand everyday demands. They are eager for the chosen Sennie to be on board with this strategy, as the family have seen significant improvement over the past week having started this new approach.

In their pursuit of support, the family has consulted a SEN specialist to address B5's PDA traits, which were exacerbated during the school holidays. This specialist now serves as a consultant to guide the family in embracing the "low-demand" approach.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B5:*

- Resists changes to familiar routines
- Finds it easier to listen when not looking at person
- Can memorise large amounts of information on certain topics
- Finds crowded areas very difficult
- Covers ears when hears certain sounds
- Likes a hug if chosen to do this
- Dislikes the feel of certain fabrics and substances
- Dislikes certain foods and drinks
- Seeks pressure by crawling under heavy objects
- Has extremely good balance
- Sensitive to weather conditions – heat / rain / wind etc

B2 is a confident, outdoor loving toddler who finds joy in anything outdoors, cars and ball games . The family is committed to ensuring that their youngest child receives the attention he deserves and isn't overlooked. B2 currently attends an outdoor nursery for four days a week, making every Friday a day of sole charge care for him.

Who this role would suit:

- Someone energetic, motivated, and full of enthusiasm.
- Someone who enjoys the countryside and its activities.
- It's a bonus if you are creative and interested in art, as the B5 is passionate about drawing.
- Patience with Lego is a must!
- Someone comfortable laughing at themselves, embracing playfulness and silliness, with a great sense of humour.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Morning preparation and school pick up
- Meal planning, preparation, and cooking
- Creating visual aids: timetables, meal plans, etc.
- Assisting with bathtime, bedtime routines, and potty training
- Planning and organising suitable activities for term time and holidays
- Providing occasional overnight care
- Managing children's laundry, changing bedsheets
- Offering behavioural support and managing behaviour
- Organising children's belongings and maintaining their areas
- Washing dishes, tidying areas, wiping surfaces
- Running errands: grocery shopping, package collection
- Implementing strategies and preferred activities, supporting therapy
- Assisting with household personal assistant tasks
- Encouraging children's independence and life skills development
- Potty training
- Bring forward any key areas for development
- PA duties for the household
- Organising appointments for the children and keeping the children's calendars organised/up to date

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

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