

Playful Part-time Sennie for B9, B7, B1

Location: Wanstead, E11

Wage / Salary: £17p/h - £20p/h gross dependent on experience (this role is available on a self-employed or employed basis)

Driver: Non Essential

Live in/Out: Live Out

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Previous child care experience with primary and early years aged children
- Knowledge and experienced working with children with additional needs, specifically Autism
- Ability to support, plan and engage in exercises as set by therapists and specialists e.g physiotherapy programs, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy strategies
- Nurturing, caring and kind approach
- Excellent communication and social skills
- Can demonstrate a great level of enthusiasm and reliability
- Comfortable with a mixture of sole charge and shared care

Desirable Skills/Traits:

- Prior experience and/or knowledge of therapies relating to the cognitive and social development of Autistic children
- Confident cook/cooking skills
- Availability for adhoc evening babysitting
- Prior teaching experience or similar qualifications
- Driving license with own car a bonus

Start Date: ASAP

Days & Hours: *Minimum of 12 hours hours per week, contracted across the year (more days/hours may be available for the right candidate)*

Term-Time Tuesdays - Thursdays: 2.45pm - 6.45pm

School Holidays: Hours to be adjusted during school holidays accordingly

Occasional babysitting may be requested in the evenings/weekends

We are looking for a Sennie who is knowledgeable about Autism and with a great understanding of primary aged and early years children to support a busy family of 3 children with their after school care. We hope to find an energetic and enthusiastic Sennie who has had prior experience in a similar role who is excited at the prospect of aiding with their overall development and wellbeing, with a particular focus on supporting B7 who has additional needs.

About B7: B7 is an affectionate, kind, sweet and lovable little boy. He enjoys role playing / pretend play and social interaction with others, particularly adults, and has a creative side enjoying making things or drawing. He also liked flying a kite and playing on his iPad.

B7 is Autistic, verbal and with no obvious behaviours that challenge. He does however struggle with anxiety and has some social and communication needs / differences that the family are keen for him to develop. He is currently receiving speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and some physiotherapy to help implement helpful strategies for his development.

B7 is very receptive to 1:1 adult interaction and play and often this is where he is able to learn and thrive however it has been difficult for the family to provide him with this interaction when managing two other children and a household, therefore the Sennies main focus would be on supporting and aiding B7. The family takes a positive and encouraging approach to B7s needs, particularly when he becomes anxious, using lots of reassurance,

praise and always ensuring he knows what is coming next /is happening, with a clear schedule to support his processing needs.

His key areas for development and support are:

- Continuing the interventions and strategies as set by his specialists to ensure consistency
- Encouraging B7's social interactions with his peers and facilitating him to explore and engage with children his age in a safe and positive way
- Supporting B7 to overcome his anxieties and develop tools for self - regulation and self - soothing
- Guiding and building on B7's independence in relation to self - care e.g dressing, toileting, tidying up after himself etc.
- Helping B7 interact meaningfully with his brothers and cultivating a stronger relationship between them
- Assisting B7 with his school work, reading and any other activities or tasks as needed
- Reducing his time spent on the iPad and increasing his learning through play

About B9: B9 enjoys the outdoors, being in nature and physical sports, watching and playing football in particular. He enjoys playing with LEGO, listening to audiobooks and Minecraft. Like his younger brother, he also enjoys adult company and making/creating things together with an adult he likes.

As B9 has no additional needs, sometimes it can be challenging for the family to find time to effectively support B9 with his schoolwork and interests so putting the Sennies focus onto B7 will allow the family more time to spend with their eldest child too.

About B1: B1 is a lovely little baby who is starting to cruise and trying to walk. Some care for B1 will be required, so prior experience with babies and toddlers is ideal.

Main Duties include:

- School pick up
- Occasional meal preparation/cooking and encouraging food exploration to expand the children's palates
- Nursery duties relating to the children/household i.e tidying/cleaning up after meals, loading/emptying the dishwasher, light sweeping etc.
- Engaging in developmental activities and strategies in line with B7's key areas for development
- Preparing fun and creative activities for the children, particularly B7
- Coming up with new ideas and strategies to share with the family that could help B7
- Personal care and encouraging independence with this
- Liaising with parents and specialists regarding any resources that may be required for B7
- Bath time routine
- Bedtime routine

About the role/family: We are looking to find a playful, compassionate and fun loving nanny to provide part time help and give B7 the attention he needs. B7 is an affectionate and receptive boy who loves to play with adults. He thrives with 1:1 support and craves loving, caring attention. We are looking for someone who can collect him after school when needed, assist him with his homework, help him progress in all areas of his development, teach him through play and activities, play with him and keep him safe for a few hours after school. Whilst the priority is on B7, they also require assistance and care for their other two sons as needed in the working hours. Some shared care with the mother is to be expected in this position, so someone who can get on with and connect with mum is important.