

Weekend Sennie (SEN NANNY) for G10

Additional needs present: Anxiety; Global Development Delay; Rare Chromosome Condition; Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD); Dyspraxia, Non-Verbal	Location: Teddington, TW11	Wage / Salary: £15 - £20 per hour gross - depending on experience	Driver: Essential - Preferably with own car
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: 1 Cat	Days & Hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday - once per month• 10am - 6pm• Additional Saturday will likely be available throughout the year on an ad hoc basis and will be paid as overtime	Start Date: January 2021 (ideally 3/1/22)

Essential Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1+ years of SEN experience• 2+ years of Childcare experience (ideally as a sole charge Nanny/Sennie)• Fluent English speaker• Knowledge of or keen to learn Makaton or BSL• Prior experience using PECS and or dedicated to learning how to best use for children in your care• Tech Savvy• Passionate about working within the SEN childcare sector• Physically fit and active• Kind, caring and patient, but is also able to be firm and set boundaries within the relationship to help G10 on the way to becoming more independent	Desirable Skills/Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prior experience supporting and/or knowledge of Occupational therapy; Speech and language therapy; Music therapy• An interest in Dance; Music; Exercise; Outdoor; Activities; Child Development; Yoga/Pilates; Cooking/Baking; Horse Riding Swimming;• Prior experience and/or confidence in your ability to support a child with learning difficulties, particularly in the areas of reading and numeracy• Ideally, the candidate would have experience in dealing with special needs children with anxieties and helping them overcome them, but this is not essential.
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About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a loving family of 4 find a Saturday Sennie to support them once per month (potentially more if the Sennie is available for an additional Saturday every now and then), so they can spend quality time with their eldest Daughter G13. They are a welcoming, close, creative and down to earth household, who like to listen to music and dance in the kitchen!

Main Duties include:

- Planning a fun Saturday for G10
- Joining and/or taking G10 to her therapy sessions as/when required
- Bath time and bedtime routine when requested
- Continuing to use any visual aids that have been working well for G10
- Taking G10 to activities, appointments and play dates
- Join G10 in any physical activities to ensure she is safe and supported throughout
- Creating opportunities for fun and active Saturday activities
- Preparing healthy meals for G10
- Tidying up after yourself and G10 whilst on duty
- Supporting G10 in all aspects of personal care (getting dressed/undressed, washing, toilet training and toileting care)

Please see the detailed job description below. As the role is only 1 day per month, not all of the information will be relevant to the weekend role however it will be great for you to understand more about the full-time position (which we are also advertising for) to assess your suitability:

About G10: G10 is a friendly, empathetic and gentle little girl who has a brilliant sense of humour! She loves any game that involves a ball, bus rides, attending the local playground, soft play, trampolines, yoga and most gross motor games!

G10 has a diagnosis of Trisomy 9 Mosaic (a rare chromosome condition) and is Non-Verbal. Her diagnosis has also highlighted difficulties with focus and attention, learning difficulties, poor fine motor skills, and anxiety. Whilst G10 is non-verbal, she is extremely sociable and craves engagement. As G10 has a short attention span, she tends to lose interest in activities quickly and can get frustrated with activities that require a lot of fine motor control. She also has high sensory needs and can become overwhelmed by too much input, particularly in an outdoors setting; her main triggers at present are helicopters, crows and the parakeets. The family have found that new activities or tasks that present G10 with a challenge are generally rejected (she prefers to stick to the safe and familiar things). As a result, her interests are limited.

G10 is a peaceful child, though frustrations can bubble over and come out through shouting, crying and sometimes hitting - though hitting is mostly limited to Mum.

G10 doesn't watch TV programs at present and instead tends to become fixated on a handful of videos or songs - her favourites to play over the last 2 years have been 'Let it Go' from Frozen and the very popular 'Dancy Monkey'. Cognitively G10 is very aware of everything going on around her and has a good understanding of her limitations which can sometimes be led by anxiety instead of ability. G10 understands requests and conversation as any typically developing 10 year old would but may be slower to process the information.

G10's behaviour is generally peaceful, warm and loving. Hugs and patience work well to help her with emotional regulation if she is feeling sad or distressed. G10 is not great at independent play or entertaining herself and instead likes to be constantly engaged with someone who is focused on her. This can make her quite demanding at times however she responds best to kindness, patience and understanding. The family have found most situations can be rescued with a bit of fun, distraction and joking about. G10 has a very slapstick sense of humour and a laugh that would do a pirate proud. She is a lovely engaging little girl who has potential that is there to be unlocked through kindness, love and positive discipline.

G10 key areas for development and support are:

- Working on Reading and numeracy skills
- Support learning and using Makaton or BSL
- Support using an AAC device to broaden G10's communication options (furthering her use to request things - building up to having conversations)
- Expanding interests and easing anxiety so G10 feels confident enough to try new things
- Support G10 to build upon her independence and self care - G10 is currently very dependant on the adults who care for her and the family are keen to encourage her to complete basic tasks for herself such as dressing & washing
- Toileting training - G10 is still in nappies and needs support with learning to use the toilet independently
- G10 has sensory based anxiety and needs support to manage her anxiety in situations that cannot be anticipated (outdoor noises such as a siren)

To apply for this amazing role please head to the SENNIES website and fill in our online application form. Don't forget to quote reference number 0112W