

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B8, G5 and B2

Additional needs present: Autism (Verbal), ADHD and Sensory processing challenges	Location: Ards Peninsula, Northern Ireland	Wage / Salary: Approx. £30,940 - £40,040 per annum gross	Driver: Essential - car provided for private use
Live in/out: Live in or Live out Accommodation details: Appropriate accommodation will be provided for a single person or a couple locally.	Pets: Dogs, horses & farm animals	Days & Hours: Average 40 hours per week <u>Term time</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - Friday - 1pm-8pm each week. Saturday 8am to 1pm one weekend per month. Some Flexibility required and occasional overnight to support couples professional and personal schedules. <u>Holidays</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday – Friday: 8am to 5pm Saturday 8am to 1pm one weekend per month. Occasionally travelling with the family on holiday will be required.	Start Date: End of March / Start of April

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ years of SEN childcare experience (Ideally Autism and/or ADHD)
- Kind, caring, fun, and practical (ideally with experience or an interest in rural life, sports/the sea, biking and Tennis)
- High-energy level and a sunny disposition
- Able to be both calm and attentive
- Enjoys talking to B8 about particular interests. Current interests include: historical societies, Vikings/dragons, Minecraft, woodwork/fire/den building, lego.
- Someone capable of implementing gentle and supportive boundaries and expectations in a fun and engaging way rather than formal discipline
- Can handle challenges and unexpected events throughout the day including last minute changes of plan.
- Has the ability to anticipate B8's needs, and needs of other children.
- Someone organised who can plan ahead, including independent planning of activities for all the children utilising the abundance of local resources and locations and be prepared for all eventualities.

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a loving and busy family to find a full-time Sennie for a live locally role in Northern Ireland! We are looking for someone who will relish the opportunity to be out and about in the lovely coast and countryside and is unfazed by the practical challenges of rural family life but also enjoys urban term time life.

About the child/children: **B8** is a highly active child with sensory seeking behaviours and a love for physical activities such as gymnastics, football, trampolining, tennis, biking and building. He is diagnosed with Autism and ADHD. He displays behaviours associated with Anxiety, and sensory processing needs. B8 has a passion for reading and can spend hours listening to audiobooks and reading fiction and non-fiction books, including encyclopaedias and the Roald Dahl Dahl, Minecraft, Horrible Histories and How to train your Dragon series. The family splits their time between a farm near a sandy beach on the Ards peninsula that B8 enjoys cycling to, and playing outside is essential for his overall well-being and a term time house in Holywood that is close to parks, coast and school.

B8 is an exceptional student with advanced maths and literacy skills and had been moved up a year in school but now attends his age groups class. However, he experiences anxiety with some teachers, such as the swimming teacher, despite having other great teachers who are more understanding. Although he enjoys activities with end goals, like playing with Lego, he is less interested in non-directive play, such as colouring or arts and crafts. He loves taking long baths and showers but can find transitioning to them challenging.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B8:*

- Resists changes to familiar routines if unmotivated
- Finds it easier to listen when not looking at person if anxious
- 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
- Very good auditory memory for songs and rhymes and enjoys music.
- Dislikes the feel of certain fabrics and substances
- Dislikes certain foods and drinks
- Seeks pressure by crawling under heavy objects
- Enjoys feeling certain materials
- Dislikes certain everyday smells
- Really enjoys crunchy food

Key areas for development and support:

- Support with games, and emotional regulation – particularly in winning and losing scenarios – A kind and empathetic approach is required
- Supportive listening

Therapies and interventions:

- Occupational Therapy
- Play therapy

G5 is a happy, chatty and artistic little girl who loves singing, dancing and jumping about! She has no additional needs, but it is important that the selected Sennie is confident and capable of caring for multiple children on a sole charge basis. Her key areas for development are supporting her play and zest for life.

B2 is a happy little boy who loves bouncing and is chatty, energetic, loves swimming, football and tractors.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Providing 1:1 support for B8 when required and supporting him with his key areas of development
- Perform admin/PA duties (eg. small food shopping, post office runs, tidying, and light household tasks)
- Create and support dynamic and engaging after-school activities
- Support homework and prepare simple, healthy meals
- Work with the mother to provide excellent care for all three children.
- N.b. The family also employs a housekeeper who undertakes the majority of housekeeping duties.

Who this role would suit:

- Must have a positive, can-do attitude with masses of energy
- Enjoy, and self start activities associated with countryside such as bonfire building, horse riding, boating or bike riding
- Calming and kind disposition with plenty of patience
- Must enjoy an active lifestyle.
- The family would be open to considering a couple provided they would assume additional duties around the house and gardens.

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

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