

Full time Dedicated and Professional Sennie (SEN NANNY) For G6, G4 and B18 months - (Live in OR Live out)

Location: Kensington, W8, West London

Live - in / Live - out: This role is offered on a live - in **OR** live out basis.

Wage / Salary: £46,800 - £56,160 gross per annum - negotiable based on experience

Accommodation: Good sized room in the family's 7 bedroom apartment in Kensington, including a single bed, desk and wardrobe. Other staff members also stay in the apartment and the bathroom is shared with the children but no one else in the house.

Driver essential - Automatic car available to use on duty - a non driver may be considered for an exceptional candidate but candidates who can drive will be prioritised

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Non Smoker
- Demonstrable experience handling and supporting emotional dysregulation
- Experience with demand avoidance behaviours
- Confident cooking skills, with an interest in nutrition and providing healthy meals
- Patient and loving approach
- Able to instill clear boundaries and consequences
- Capable of supporting Key Stage 1 & 2 curriculum school work
- Strong organisational skills
- Discreet and professional (the family requires a non disclosure agreement to be signed upon employment)
- Active and a competent swimmer
- Tidy and clean
- Vaccinated against COVID-19 and/or willing to be vaccinated
- Must be able and willing to travel with and provide care for the family during school holidays

Desirable Skills/Traits:

- Comfortable working within a multicultural and multi-faith household
- Professional - both in attitude and in personal presentation
- Special interests or hobbies i.e music/playing an instrument, dance or a specific sport
- Happy to get stuck in with children's activities
- Able to support over christmas period when possible

It is important to note that the family do not eat pork, nor do they bring it into their home, or order it at restaurants.

Pets: No pets

Start Date: As soon as possible

Days & Hours: Contracted 60 hours per week throughout the year

Term time Monday - Friday: 7am - 7pm

Evenings and Weekends: Babysitting one or two nights per week, plus some occasional weekend availability would be ideal in case of emergency.

School Holidays:

Hours will vary depending on travel / holidays but will remain contracted at 12 hours per day

About the family: SENNIES are seeking a driven and dedicated Sennie for an international family with 3 children, based in Kensington, West London. This role will be a shared care role with the mother so the Sennie selected must be comfortable and happy working in collaboration with a hands-on parent. This is a busy and dynamic household so the Sennie must be able to get stuck in and become part of the family. The family are looking for a Sennie who shares their values, placing importance on; education, healthy eating and understanding the importance of manners and respectfulness, whilst keeping their children's well being and development at the forefront. The family require someone who is hardworking and switched on, with a good deal of common sense, who can build a good rapport with mum and the rest of the family and household staff, and be there as a supportive, consistent and positive member of the household, who is confident in understanding how to care for a child with additional needs. Mum used to be a Montessori teacher and a tutor for dyslexic children and so understands what it is like to be in childcare and that sometimes it can be tricky having a parent around and will give space where needed.

About G6: G6 is an intelligent and funny little girl who loves to read and explore the outdoors. She is very loving and affectionate and learns new concepts very quickly. She is academically strong and has no trouble with her homework and seems to enjoy learning particularly maths, phonics, reading and word games, which is something the Sennie should be happy to continue to cultivate and encourage. G6 also likes music, swimming and drawing.

G6 has oppositional defiance disorder and struggles with her emotional regulation and other processing issues. Often, G6 can appear to have 'mood swings' which the family are yet to identify the triggers for, though one clear sign seems to be to do with difficulties around 'sibling rivalry' with her younger sister, causing her to seek feedback from her parents, whether negative or positive. G6 has difficulties with transitions, especially around unexpected or rapid changes which can lead to her becoming frustrated and emotionally dysregulated, and does not yet have any coping strategies or tools in place to help her self-regulate at these times, which can often lead to meltdowns.

G6 is able to reflect on her meltdowns and moments of difficulty and will often seek to make amends but the family hope to find a Sennie who can help G6 find better strategies and interventions to help during or, even better, to help prevent reaching that stage of overwhelm.

G6 is happy and comfortable talking to people she doesn't know, but finds it tricky to make new friends so a Sennie who can encourage and instill confidence in G6 is ideal.

Her Key Areas for Development and Support Are:

- Encouraging 'positive' behaviour in an equally positive way
- Creating clear and consistent boundaries for G6 and following through with consequences
- Helping G6 to find methods of self regulation and self soothing to aid with meltdowns and dysregulation
- Supporting with speech and language interventions as instructed by the speech therapist (Who currently visits once a week)
- Improving manners and politeness

About G4: G4 is a bubbly, confident and creative girl who is due to start Reception in September. She loves role play and imaginative games and playing dress up. G4 plays nicely with other children and loves talking to grown ups, making her a charming and endearing little girl, which can sometimes be difficult for her older sister to handle. A Sennie who can engage with G4 and her interests whilst also sharing their time effectively between all three children is essential.

About B18 Months: B18 months is a happy and easy toddler. He currently has a good eating and sleep routine and it is the easiest to adapt to any day to day changes in routine. He is playful, loving and takes to new people very quickly. He attends baby/mummy activities when his sisters are at school such as: Little Gym, Swimming, Gymboree, Baby Music etc. He loves being outdoors, feeding squirrels, pigeons, ducks and running around in playgrounds. A Sennie with some toddler experience would be ideal or at the very least a Sennie who is comfortable and happy to change nappies, help with toileting, feeding and nap times etc.

About the role: The selected Sennie(s) will provide full time childcare on a shared care / sole - charge basis both in term time and during school holidays. This role is suitable for someone with knowledge of special educational needs, particularly those relating to social, emotional and mental health needs and processing difficulties.

Whilst a housekeeper is employed to take care of the household, washing and ironing. The Sennie should be comfortable with completing all nursery duties such as tidying up and cleaning children's areas, tidying and cleaning up after themselves and general assistance for the children such as organising the childrens clothes and toys (winter/summer clothes reshuffling, clothes that have gotten too small moved to other siblings, setting aside hand-washing/dry-cleaning/mending, removing damaged garments etc)

Cooking from scratch is an important part of the role and the family hope to find a Sennie who can introduce the children to new and interesting foods, ideally eating with the children at meal times where possible too, to encourage this.

The role requires the Sennie to organise play dates, activities and outings for the children and the Sennie should be capable of taking the children to and from these places and keeping on top of timings and their schedule.

Main Duties include:

- Morning routine (Before school; breakfast, getting dressed, school bags ready etc)
- Evening/Bedtime routine (After school; dinner, bathtime, getting ready for bed etc)
- School drop off and pickup
- All nursery duties related to children
- Cleaning the up after the children
- Emptying the buggy/stroller basket, nappy bags, childrens bags at the end of the day, snack bags etc.
- Preparing children's school and kits bags for activities
- Scheduling activities, play dates and appointments for dental and doctor visits. Planning and preparing things such as the childrens gifts to take to birthday's and cards for grandparents birthday and Father's Day etc.
- Planning the weeks ahead; clothes for weekend events, plays/dance recitals and making grocery lists with the Housekeeper to ensure necessities are available (snacks, toiletries, dinner items)
- Keeping parents informed of yours and the children's whereabouts during the day.

The family are looking for a loving, hardworking and dedicated Special Educational Needs Nanny, who can become part of the family. The Sennie selected will be able to follow and support therapies and interventions determined by the family (in conjunction with the Sennie) and professionals. A genuine passion for working with children and special educational needs is a must.