

Saturday Sennie (SEN Nanny/Manny/Buddy) for G14

Location: Hammersmith, West London, W6

Wage / Salary: £16 - £18 per hour gross, rate offered dependent on experience

Driving non essential - however an automatic car can be provided on duty if needed

Live in/out: Live Out

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Physically fit and active in order to keep up with G14
- Outdoorsy and enjoys walking/bike rides
- Energetic and vibrant personality
- Strong communication and organisational skills
- Prior experience working with teenagers
- Prior experience/understanding of Global Development Delay
- Thoughtful and patient approach
- Comfortable and confident spending time out at activities and events outside of the home with G14

Desirable Skills/Traits:

- Prior epilepsy/seizure experience/knowledge (G14 is on medication for her epilepsy so this is not an essential skill and training will be provided)
- Great sense of humour
- Ability to turn everything into a learning experience
- Prior experience with hormonal driven teenage behaviours

Start Date: 31st August 2021

Days & Hours: 4 - 6 hours per week on Saturdays OR Sundays (exact timings are flexible)

***There is also the option to take on additional one day a week after school: 3pm - 7pm.
Please specify this on application.***

Pet: 1 dog

About the family: SENNIES are excited to help a wonderful family in Hammersmith find a Saturday Sennie to support their creative and active daughter, who is 14 years old. The chosen Sennie will take G14 out for a fun, educational activity, such as the Zoo, museums, London landmarks, playgrounds, bowling, trampoline parks etc. We are looking for a proactive Sennie who will take some time to explore other safe and enjoyable activities to add to the list and become a genuine friend and companion to G14.

About G14: G14 is a creative and active young lady, with a very loving personality. She loves engaging in art activities, singing, reading, playing dress up, bike riding and walking. She has some great and varied interests, at the moment she adores Disney and drawing cartoons, and loves Star Wars and Harry Potter, so a Sennie who can get excited about her interests too is ideal!

She absolutely adores her 3 sisters (who have separate childcare and are aged between 9 - 17 years old) and their friendly 4 year old swiss mountain dog.

G14 has a diagnosis of Global development delay and Epilepsy. Whilst her epilepsy is controlled through medication, training will be provided for the Sennie, in case of emergency. G14 currently has a tutor after school, 4 afternoons per week, to help with her fine motor skills. She also works with an occupational therapist and speech and language therapist at her school.

G14 is very in tune with other people's emotions, meaning that very often she can tell if someone is not interested in an activity, so it is important we find someone with a genuine interest in her preferred activities and who is physically fit, so they can keep up with her for the whole day she is in their care. G14 has little understanding of her safety and will confidently stride off and is happy making conversation with strangers, which whilst her independence is to be encouraged, her safety has to come first as she could end up making herself vulnerable or putting herself in danger.

G14 has good fluency in English, although it can be slightly difficult to understand her when she gets excited or too focused on something, especially if she is trying to recall something that happened and retell it. She is very aware of road safety rules and at present has no food allergies or objections to eating at meal times.

Her key areas for development and support are:

- Helping G14 build upon her independence and encouraging self-care routines
- Reading - Words are all around us, so a Sennie who can add in educational aspects to all trips, such as asking G14 to read signs or maps etc. is key
- Supporting her processing needs; G14 struggles with being taken by surprise or plans changing last minute so preparedness including the use of visual timetables and communication tools is really helpful

This role is really about being a great friend and support for G14 and would not suit someone who doesn't want to really engage with the child in their care and offer lots of stimulation either through activities or conversation.

About the role: This role is a fantastic Saturday position that requires a positive and outgoing approach. The Selected Sennie will be a companion for G14 to enjoy her Saturdays. This is a 1:1 sole charge position.

Main Duties include:

- Plan Saturday activities in advance and share these ideas with the family so that appropriate arrangements/bookings can be made
- Collect G14 from their home address.
- Discuss the plan and expectation for the day with the family and G14 on arrival
- Take G14 out for a fun, educational activity, ensuring you stop for food and drinks at the appropriate time of day depending on the trip/activity
- Find ways to include building independence, encouraging reading and communication throughout the day
- Taking G14 home
- Providing feedback on how the day went to the parents with any suggestions or thoughts for following trips
- If interested, there is an additional after school shift available from 3pm - 7pm which would include collection, supervising G14 getting herself a snack, reading practise, drawing and puzzles.

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.