

Sennie (SEN NANNY/MANNY) for B3

Location: Hackney, London, E8

Wage / Salary: £15 - 20 p/h gross dependant on experience, negotiable for the right candidate

Live in/out: Live Out

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Fully vaccinated against COVID-19/Approaching full vaccination status (This is due to high-risk family members)
- Affectionate, engaging and a great sense of humour
- Physically fit and active
- Excellent understanding of Autism, including the importance of implementing routine/structure that allows flexibility to best suit B3
- Prior work experience with under 5's
- A genuine interest in child development
- A desire to learn new skills and tools such as Makaton and PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System)

Desirable Skills/Traits:

- Basic Makaton skills
- Previous experience utilising PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System)
- Understanding of or prior experience working with speech and language therapies
- Experience with potty training
- Ability to create and implement new routines and ideas for development
- Is familiar with the surrounding area

Start / End Date: September 21st 2021 - September 22nd 2022 (**1 year**)

Days & Hours: **20 hours per week - 2 days per week**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 8.30am - 6.30pm

Some additional ad - hoc support in nursery holidays (4 weeks per year) may be offered if/when required. Advance notice will be given and additional hours are not mandatory or guaranteed.

About B3: B3 is a sweet, gentle and vivacious boy. He loves physical adventure (jumping, climbing, swinging), making sandcastles, puzzles, balloons and exploring nature, he also loves cuddles! He is an enthusiastic eater and sleeps well. He also loves books but responds better when these are brought to life, (eg. acted out, using engaging and different voices for each character etc.) as he cannot always understand or process the words alone. B3 is a very rewarding child to spend time with. He has a lovely sunny temperament and is very curious, with a good capacity for learning and he responds really well to positive encouragement and a confident approach.

B3 has just been diagnosed Autistic and is currently pre-verbal (although very communicative in other ways). The family are currently using physical communication to understand B3's needs and he is great at making his wishes clear by leading/guiding us to what he wants or bringing what he wants to do/eat/play etc. B3 has recently begun speech and language therapy where they plan on bringing in PECS style communication (picture exchange) to B3's daily routine.

B3's key areas for development and support are:

- Following appropriate techniques already in place, as instructed by the parents
- Supporting B3 with transitioning from a cot to a toddler bed
- Supporting B3 with potty training/toileting
- Attending B3's speech and language therapy sessions and implementing strategies and interventions in line with guidance from the parents and specialists
- Engaging with B3's development and actively encouraging his learning and curiosity
- Providing a positive and loving environment for B3 to feel nurtured

About the role/family: This is a wonderful part-time position for a Sennie who has a keen interest in developing their skills within speech and language therapies and occupational therapies, to support and care for a charming little boy. The family are looking for a kind, energetic and caring Sennie who can slot into their household with ease and play a vital part in B3's development over the next year. The family is committed to helping B3 achieve some significant milestones ahead of beginning primary school and want to work with their Sennie to ensure the best outcome for their son, offering lots of opportunity for play and fun alongside teaching and learning.

Main Duties include:

- Planning and taking B3 out for fun adventures - whatever the weather
- Planning varied and tailored educational activities for the afternoons
- Joining a speech and language therapy session once every two weeks and learning to use the techniques learnt there
- Supporting B3 with a picture-exchange communication system which they have yet to implement
- Helping the family with new transitions such as cot to toddler bed and potty training
- Preparing B3's meals (It would be lovely for the Sennie to cook, but they also have a lot of healthy meals ready to go in the freezer)
- Regularly discussing B3's progress/feelings/ideas for development with the family
- Sole charge care for B3 ensuring his safety and well-being in a positive and playful manner

The family hopes to find a fantastic Sennie with an upbeat, friendly and enthusiastic personality who is excited at the prospect of supporting a young child in the early stages of his developmental journey. The Sennie selected will be able to follow and support therapies and interventions determined by the family (in conjunction with the Sennie) and professionals.