

Sennie (SEN Nanny or Specialist) / PA for B7 & B5

Additional needs present: Autism and Angelman Syndrome	Location: North Baddesley, Hants, SO52	Wage / Salary: £39,000 - £41,600 per annum gross	Driver: Essential - car provided on duty
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: None	Days & Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm (50 hours per week)	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- An experienced Sole charge Nanny/Sennie
- Physically fit and capable of lifting B5 (for example in and out of the car)
- Prior experience caring for a child or children with complex additional needs
- A good understanding of Autism
- Loving, caring and kind
- Someone who can become part of the family and someone the children feel completely safe with at all times
- Fluent English speaker
- Happy to not wear perfume or strong smells at anytime when caring for B5 as these can trigger seizures
- Able to commit long-term

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is delighted to support a loving family of 4, find a full-time Sennie to care for two boys aged 7 and 5. The mother was recently diagnosed with cancer, and the father has taken time off to care for the children until they can make permanent childcare arrangements. Therefore we are looking for a Sennie who can commit to this role long-term to ensure both boys have consistent care during a difficult time for the family. B7 is also a young carer for B5, and the main aim for hiring a full-time Sennie is to ensure both boys get the 1:1 love, time and attention they need, which at present can be more difficult without the support of an experienced Sennie! The parents adopt an ethos of positive and gentle "parenting"

As the role is full-time and the children attend school daily, we are looking for a Sennie to provide some household and PA support between 9 am - 2 pm. This will include but is not limited to light housework, keeping communal and children's areas tidy, and batch cooking and freezing meals for the children. B5 is on a restricted diet to support the management of his health, and the selected Sennie will be given the specific dietary requirements for B5.

About the child/children: **B5** is a happy, determined and affectionate little boy who loves being with people and interacting with them. B5 has a diagnosis of Angelman syndrome, which has led to global development delay, seizures and learning difficulties. Presently, B5 is non-verbal and receives 1:1 support at school. He currently takes medication to manage his seizures. Experience is a bonus but not essential as the family will provide training in this area. It is important to note that Bb5's seizures are well managed and that this is not an area of concern for the family.

B5 finds development in all areas challenging but is incredibly determined and resilient. Everyone who comes into contact with B5 falls in love and wants to spend more time with him!

B5's key areas of development: Supporting his global development, including his fine motor, gross motor, communication and cognitive skills.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B5 ...*

- Smells, licks, taps objects and people
- Bangs objects and doors
- Is attracted by sounds and noises
- Likes a hug if chosen to do this

- Dislikes the feel of certain fabrics and substances
- Hugs very tightly
- Enjoys feeling certain materials
- Eats materials which are not edible
- Finds fine motor movements hard
- Has difficulty running and climbing
- Finds it hard to ride a bike
- Has poor balance
- Can not use the toilet independently (wears nappies)
- Has just learned to walk independently, so needs close supervision
- Has no fear or danger
- Can not feed himself independently
- Is sensory seeking
- Whilst B5 is non-verbal he can lead you to what he wants, put your hand on something or will lightly throw what he wants at your feet to let you know
- Cannot communicate a reliable yes or no as he often shakes his head to provide sensory feedback

B7 is a highly intelligent, caring, kind and capable little boy who loves space, science, maths and football. He is also an amazing big brother and young carer to B5, but this can add to his levels of stress/anxiety on a difficult day.

B7 is diagnosed as Autistic (received privately two months ago). The parents view this as a positive and want his Autism to be viewed as a part of him and who he is, not something he carries around and can be put down when convenient. His parents want him to be able to express himself how he chooses, and they don't expect him to adapt to fit in with neurotypical responses.

At present, B7 finds it more challenging to manage/express his emotions, has a strong sense of justice, is sensitive to loud sounds and needs at least 30 minutes to prepare for a transition. To help B7 thrive in day-to-day life, he must feel safe, loved, supported and heard by all adults in charge of his care.

Who this role would suit:

- This role would suit an experienced sole charge Nanny or Sennie who has experience supporting children with special and/or additional needs at home, in the community or in the education setting.

Recruiter: Anthony@sennies.co.uk OR anita@sennies.co.uk

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