

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B6

Additional needs present: Sensory seeking	Location: Hammersmith, W6	Wage / Salary: £30,420 gross per annum	Driver: Not essential but preferred
Live in/out: Live out	Pets: None	Days & Hours: Term time: 30 hours per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday – Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 days: 1pm - 6pm ○ 2 days: 1pm – 8.30pm School holidays: 40 hours per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday – Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9 am – 5 pm <p><i>Flexibility available for the right candidate with the hours specified above - 2:30pm start available if preferred. Hours may be adjusted to include an evening of babysitting at times.</i></p>	Start Date: September or October 2023

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Experience: 2+ years of SEN childcare experience, ideally in ADHD, Dyspraxia, and Sensory Processing Disorder
- Qualities: Kindness, patience, open-mindedness, emotional intelligence and empathy
- Attributes: stamina, creativity, playfulness, confidence and imaginative
- Passionate about caring for our son, building a genuine bond with him and exploring his interests
- Willingness and initiative to consider out-of-the-box techniques to support the child's development
- Ideally, prior experience as a sole charge SEN nanny
- Someone happy to travel in the UK and abroad with the family in the holidays (paid overtime)
- Someone who is open to proxy parenting (an overnight sole charge stay) once every couple of months or so as paid overtime

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is thrilled to assist a caring family of 3 in hiring a full-time Sennie (SEN nanny) to support their 6-year-old son, who is sensory seeking. Both parents work from home, and they need a Sennie to pick him up from school and spend the afternoon/evening with him, and provide him with a simple, healthy supper. Additionally, longer days will be required during the school holidays.

About the child/children: B6 is an expressive, playful, and imaginative little boy who adores arts and crafts, origami, and lego. B6 also loves being outdoors - particularly climbing trees and going to the playground! B6 has a big sense of humour, and the ideal Sennie would match his enthusiasm for learning new things and going on adventures! While he possesses a strong will and can display a temper, he also exhibits sensitivity to intense emotions. Nevertheless, B6 is a cheerful, affectionate child with a great sense of humour, often sharing jokes that light up the room.

B6 has been diagnosed with sensory processing disorder, particularly sensory seeking, by an occupational therapist. He is sensitive and can sometimes display what may appear as dramatic overreactions. However, when regulated, he has an excellent sense of humour and proves to be very rewarding company. B6 finds tranquillity and joy in engaging in creative activities such as making things and drawing.

The parents have been using Hand in Hand Parenting tools since late 2020 and have recently started working with one of our SENNIIES specialists. B6 attends a sensory gym and does sensory exercises at home, in addition to seeing an occupational therapist.

Key areas for development and support:

- Enhancing social skills and active listening abilities.
- Addressing struggles with coping with demands.
- Continuing to improve concentration and focus at school.
- Cultivating the ability to compromise, be flexible, and cooperate with friends.
- Encouraging B6 to explore new textures and feelings through arts, crafts, baking and cooking!

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B6:*

- Resists changes to a familiar routine
- Does not recognise familiar people in unfamiliar clothes
- Is fascinated by shiny objects and bright colours
- Has difficulty catching balls
- Seems unaware of pain and temperature
- Dislikes certain foods and drinks
- Seeks pressure by crawling under heavy objects
- Finds fine motor movements hard
- Quite clumsy and bumps into objects and people

Main duties and responsibilities:

- School pick-up
- Meal planning and preparation, including cooking for B6
- Homework help and support
- Bathtime and/or bedtime routine
- Planning appropriate activities and outings
- Engaging B6 in after-school activities daily
- Taking B6 to / from activities, clubs, appointments & play dates
- Occasional overnight care
- Children's laundry and support with toileting
- Behavioural support and management
- Upkeep of B6's areas (his bedroom and bathroom) and cleaning up after mealtimes
- Washing dishes and tidying up communal areas (such as the kitchen and living areas)
- Purchasing necessary food or sundries
- Liaising with the school and other specialists
- Implementing strategies and therapies
- Assisting with personal care duties (bathing, feeding, changing, toileting, etc)
- Support with light housekeeping tasks such as tidying

Who this role would suit: Someone willing to commute in or nearby, with plenty of understanding, resilience, gentleness, good humour, and an excellent up-to-date grasp of SEN childcare techniques.

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

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