

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B10

Additional needs present: Autism & PDA	Location: Chippenham, SN14	From Wage / Salary: £17 - £20 per hour gross depending on experience. Approx. £35,350 – £41,600 per annum gross for 5 days. (Approx. £21,216 - £24,960 per annum gross for 3 days)	Driver: Essential - car provided on duty.
Live in/out: Live In or Out <hr/> Accommodation: 1 bedroom annex with a kitchenette and a separate entrance to the main house	Pets: 1 Dog (Tibetan medium size. Doesn't moult or shed)	Days & Hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am - 5pm Wednesday: 12pm - 8pm Flexibility available for the right candidate, 3 days minimum required. <i>Occasional babysitting required as overtime - agreed in advance by both the Family and the Sennie</i>	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ years of SEN childcare experience
- A great understanding of Autism and PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) is a must
- An interest in music, arts & crafts, sports, lego and gaming
- Physically fit and resilient
- Experience supporting behaviours that challenge

About the role/family: SENNIES is thrilled to support a loving family of 3 in finding a Sennie to care for B10 full-time. They seek someone who can become part of the family, earn B10's trust, become a mentor/buddy, provide low-demand stimulation at home, and help with light housework and cooking. Live-in or live-out options are available.

About the child/children: B10 is a wonderfully imaginative, funny, creative, and musical boy with aspirations of becoming a drummer. He has a diagnosis of Autism with a PDA profile, which presents challenges such as transitions, masking, meltdowns and high anxiety, affecting his passion for creativity and outgoing nature. However, when he feels safe and comfortable he is an exceptional and inquisitive child.

B10 only recently received his diagnosis and is in the process of finalising his EHCP. B10 has not attended school since Christmas 2022 due to burnout and a breakdown of relationships with teachers who didn't understand his additional needs. While he yearns for more than just staying at home, leaving the house proves difficult for him, therefore requiring alternative stimulation from someone with appropriate training. Encouraging child led interests is key to helping him learn through alternative methods and increase self-confidence.

B10's parents adopt a low-demand lifestyle and communicate using declarative language and humour, as traditional strategies for Autism haven't been effective with his PDA profile. They prioritise autonomy, offering choices, and allowing him to feel ownership over his day. He has now been prescribed Sertraline to support him. He is prone to violent outbursts against his parents which are typical of the 'fight or flight' response and PDA profile.

B10 used to mask his challenges at school and then experience meltdowns at home. Fortunately, he has a small group of understanding and caring friends whose parents are on board with supporting him in building upon these relationships.

Between Christmas and Easter, B10 rarely left the house, however, there has been some improvement, and he managed to spend time in the garden and made small outings. Due to his burnout and anxiety, he is currently not

engaging in schoolwork. The family is exploring alternative provisions to aid his education and interests in general. There are many ways to learn so it is about being creative in its delivery.

Key areas for development and support:

- Coping mechanisms for emotional regulation
- Building confidence, self-esteem, and self-image
- Understanding how his brain works differently and self-advocacy for his talents and differences

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B10:*

- Finds crowded areas very difficult
- Is very distressed by certain sounds
- Does not like shaking hands or being hugged
- Likes a hug if chosen to do this
- Very good auditory memory for songs and rhymes
- Dislikes the feel of certain fabrics and substances
- Enjoys feeling certain materials
- Dislikes certain everyday smells
- Really enjoys crunchy food

Who this role would suit:

- Someone with experience in 1:1 Support, Homeschool Support, Sole Charge Nanny, Sole Charge SEN Nanny, Proxy Parent, or SEN Manny roles.
- Requires resilience and creativity in handling challenges.
- Preferably someone who is musical, imaginative with a good sense of humour
- The ideal candidate shares B10's interests in Lego, Harry Potter, Roblox, music, art, gaming
- Must be able to provide encouragement and help build his self-confidence.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Planning appropriate activities and outings
- Behavioural support and management
- Taking B10 to / from activities, clubs, appointments & play dates
- Engaging in conversation and roleplay games to stimulate learning
- Keeping B10's calendars organised / up to date
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- Implementing strategies
- Occasional overnight care required
- Cooking for B10
- B10's laundry and clothes
- Cleaning up after B10's mealtimes
- Tidying up areas after use, such as the kitchen or bathroom
- Purchasing necessary food or sundries
- Wiping down surfaces

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

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