

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY/MANNY) for B11

Additional needs present: Autistic, Severe learning disability, Non-speaking, ADHD	Location: London, N16	Wage / Salary: Between £30, 420 - £35,763 per annum gross	Driver: Non-Essential
Live in/out: Live-out	Pets: Dog	Days & Hours: Term time: 30 hours per week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 3:15-7:30 pm *Tuesday: 11:00 am-7:30 pm Wednesday: 3:15-7:30 pm *Thursday: 11:00 am-8:00 pm, and Friday: 2:45-6:45 pm. School holidays: 40 hours per week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekdays, flexible. Possibly 10:00 am-6:00 pm. <i>*Flexible as to which days are an early start. Need not be Tuesday or Thursday.</i>	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ Years SEN Childcare experience
- Strong experience supporting children with SEND, particularly autism, ADHD, and related needs
- Previous experience working as a Nanny or in another sole-charge, family-based role
- Highly reliable with a strong sense of accountability and professionalism
- Well-organised
- Confident at cooking and creating a meal plan for B11
- Solution-focused, able to anticipate needs, plan ahead, & manage the child's schedule
- Calm, patient, and emotionally attune
- Excellent communication skills, able to work collaboratively with parents, schools, and therapists, while also giving clear, supportive feedback
- Creative and engaging
- Flexible and adaptable
- Above all, committed to a long-term role and the profession of being a Nanny

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is excited to support a warm and supportive family seeking a dedicated Sennie to work closely with their son (B11), alongside mum, dad, an older brother preparing to leave for university, and the family dog. The family's priorities are to extend their son's use of his AAC device and encourage progress in his self-care skills.

The right Sennie will play a key role in embedding therapeutic strategies into routines for B11, ensuring that learning and development happen naturally through daily interactions. The family already uses a range of interventions that will form the backbone of this role. Communication is supported via an iPad AAC app, and self-care is encouraged with minimal prompting to build independence. Emotional awareness is nurtured by naming emotions in context, while transitions are managed through countdowns and preparation. To help B11 manage uncertainty, social stories are regularly used, and to counter rigidity, the family encourages variety by intentionally labelling things as "different" and approaching them in new ways—for example, taking an alternative route between familiar places.

The Sennie will also be instrumental in integrating literacy and numeracy into everyday activities with B11, weaving reading, spelling, and number skills into routines such as shopping, or play. Occupational therapy targets will be supported at home, with the Sennie helping to reinforce strategies in a fun, practical, and motivating way.

About the child/children: B11 is an affectionate and joyful eleven-year-old whose laughter and love for cartoons, music, textures, buses, trains, and trampolines brighten every day. He is autistic, with a severe learning disability, and attends a specialist school where structure and predictability help him thrive. Though non-speaking, B11 uses the Clicker Communicator AAC iPad app to share his needs, preferences, and experiences. A Sennie in this role will be instrumental in supporting B11's communication, encouraging him to express himself more confidently and consistently through his AAC.

Daily routines are an important part of B11's life, and he benefits greatly from gentle encouragement to build his independence. With prompting, he can dress himself, wash his hands, and use the toilet. The right Sennie will help B11 strengthen these self-care skills, offering patient guidance while celebrating his successes to increase his confidence. B11 also follows a restrictive diet, so all his meals carefully prepared at home. The Sennie will support his mealtime routines and help to gently expand his food experiences in a safe and reassuring way.

B11's sense of curiosity about the world makes him a delight to spend time with. He loves exploring new places, from the excitement of a bus ride to the sensory richness of outdoor adventures. The Sennie will play an important role in broadening B11's horizons, introducing him to new environments and experiences at a pace that respects his comfort with change while also gently building his tolerance for it. His medication and health needs—including ADHD medication, antihistamines, melatonin, and an asthma inhaler—are part of his care plan.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that B11:*

- *Resists changes to familiar routines; Has difficulty catching balls; Smells, licks, taps objects and people; Remembers routes and places extremely well; Finds crowded areas very difficult; 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; Dislikes certain foods and drinks; Enjoys feeling certain materials; Dislikes crunchy or chewy food; Finds it hard to ride a bike*

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Support B11's communication by consistently encouraging more complex use of his AAC iPad app (Clicker Communicator) in everyday interactions.
- Provide gentle prompting and encouragement to build independence in self-care routines, including dressing, handwashing, and toileting.
- Prepare and support B11's mealtime routines, ensuring his dietary needs are met while gently introducing safe opportunities to expand his food choices.
- Cooking: propose B11's menu, buy groceries, cook meals and manage B11's health needs calmly and reliably, including administration of ADHD medication, antihistamines, melatonin, and use of his asthma inhaler.
- Create a structured, predictable daily routine that helps B11 feel secure, while also supporting him to build tolerance for change.
- Engage B11 in play and exploration, encouraging his love of cartoons, music, textures, trampolining, buses, trains, and sensory-rich activities.
- Organise new and engaging activities for B11 and accompany him, balancing familiarity with opportunities to broaden his experiences and build confidence in transitions.
- Embed literacy, numeracy, and communication practice into everyday activities in a natural and enjoyable way.
- Provide a calm, patient, and playful presence that nurtures B11's confidence, sense of safety, and joy.
- Work collaboratively with B11's family to maintain consistency across home, school, and wider life, ensuring his routines and needs are respected and supported.

Lead Recruiter: Anita - Anita@sennies.co.uk To apply for this amazing role and see the full job description and family preferences, please head to the SENNIIES website and fill in our [online application form](#).

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