

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY) for B8

Additional needs present: Autism, ADHD, GDD, Learning Difficulties. Mild Cerebral Palsy	Location: Haywards Heath, RH17	Salary: From £18 per hour gross
Live out Driver: Essential Pets: None Sole charge / Shared care	Days & Hours Required: Term Time • Tuesday: 2pm - 5pm • Wednesday: 7.30am - 9.30am • Thursday: 2pm - 6.30pm • Friday: 1pm to 6pm <i>Potential for more hours in the future as B8's needs/timetable changes to be agreed and discussed in advance between Sennie and family.</i> School holidays - As above plus potential overtime Essential Skills / Traits • Minimum of 2+ years SEN childcare experience • Kind, patient, and nurturing • Energetic and engaging • Willing to learn about B8's individual needs, personality, and special interests, using these as a foundation for connection and learning. • Tech-savvy, comfortable using technology for communication, educational play, or assisting with school and therapy-related activities. • Fluent English speaker (first language) to support clear communication and model language development due to B8's speech delay.	

About the role/child: **SENNIES** is delighted to support a warm and understanding family seeking a compassionate and patient Sennie to support their son, B8, within their nurturing, low-demand household. The family values a calm and flexible approach, where B8 is encouraged to take the lead and feel a sense of autonomy in his day-to-day life. While there are gentle expectations around daily routines such as getting dressed, eating, and participating in family activities, these are always approached with sensitivity and understanding of B8's need for control and choice.

B8 thrives in an environment that feels safe, predictable, and pressure-free. The family works hard to maintain a calm atmosphere and to minimise conflict, even when challenges arise — such as when B8 finds it difficult to join in with activities or when his preferences differ from those of his younger brother. The right Sennie will be able to support this balance by using empathy, gentle encouragement, and creativity to help B8 engage in daily life and discover enjoyment in shared activities. Screen time is carefully managed, as it provides a valuable source of regulation for B8, but access to the internet is restricted until the family can ensure his online safety. He loves being outdoors and benefits greatly from activities such as swimming, nature walks, and exploring new environments, although he may need some gentle guidance and reassurance to participate.

B8 currently receives weekly Occupational Therapy, and he also attends a specialist school where he has regular Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT). The family is in the process of seeking additional private therapeutic support to further his progress. The Sennie will play an important role in reinforcing strategies recommended by his therapists, helping B8 generalise these skills at home and in the community.

B8 is a bright, affectionate, and trusting little boy with a wonderfully gentle nature. He has a diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, Global Developmental Delay (GDD), and Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). He also has mild Cerebral Palsy but remains physically active and enjoys being on the move. B8 is happiest when he feels calm, safe, and understood. He has a vivid imagination and doesn't always stay rooted in the "real world" — often finding joy and comfort in his own creative play and special interests. These interests are deeply meaningful to him and play an

important role in helping him regulate, learn, and connect with others. He loves his iPad, watching his favourite shows, drawing on his “drawing iPad,” reading books, and spending time outdoors swimming or visiting the park.

Because of his developmental profile, B8 benefits from patient, consistent support throughout his daily routines. He can find transitions between activities challenging and needs gentle guidance, structure, and encouragement to move from one task to the next without becoming overwhelmed. He also benefits from having an adult who can act as his “extra eyes and ears,” helping him stay safe, organised, and engaged in his surroundings.

Main duties / responsibilities:

- Provide consistent after-school and/or daytime support for B8 in a calm, low-demand, and nurturing environment that promotes his confidence and emotional regulation.
- Encourage B8’s independence in daily routines such as dressing, eating, and transitioning between activities, using gentle guidance and positive reinforcement.
- Support B8’s communication and interaction skills, following strategies recommended by his Speech and Language Therapist (SaLT) and Occupational Therapist (OT).
- Help B8 manage transitions and expectations by preparing him for changes in routine and using strategies that minimise anxiety or resistance.
- Engage B8 in play and activities that align with his interests — such as drawing, reading, swimming, and outdoor play — to encourage learning, creativity, and physical development.
- Act as an extra set of “eyes and ears” to ensure B8’s safety and wellbeing at all times, particularly when out in the community or during activities that require supervision.
- Promote self-regulation and emotional awareness through calm, patient, and empathetic responses, helping B8 to recognise and manage his emotions in a supportive way.
- Collaborate closely with the family and therapy team to ensure consistency in approach, communication strategies, and developmental goals.
- Maintain a balanced approach to screen time — supporting its use as a tool for regulation while also encouraging engagement in offline activities and social interaction.
- Provide feedback and regular updates to parents on progress, challenges, and any observations that can support B8’s ongoing development and wellbeing.

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