

**Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY) for B8**

<b>Additional needs present:</b> ASD (cognitively aged 3)	<b>Location:</b> Dubai, UAE	<b>Wage / Salary:</b> From £40,000 per annum gross	<b>Driver:</b> Not-Essential
<b>Live in/out:</b>  Live - In  ----- Either a private room and bathroom in the house or a studio apartment nearby.	<b>Pets:</b>  None	<b>Days &amp; Hours: Approx 47.5 hours per week</b>  <b>Monday to Friday:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast and School drop off: 6am to 8:30am  and then</li> <li>• 1pm to 8pm with a 1.5 hour break in the middle.</li> </ul>	<b>Start Date:</b>  ASAP

**Essential Skills/Traits:**

- 2+ years of SEN childcare experience
- Degree-level qualification in Occupational Therapy, Special Education, Developmental Psychology, or a closely related field
- Extensive experience supporting older children with complex needs, including full personal care and daily living routines
- Physically capable and confident in supporting a tall, larger-built child with feeding, bathing, dressing, and mobility
- Willing and able to relocate to Dubai and commit to a long-term placement
- Calm, patient, and emotionally regulated, maintaining consistency even in challenging situations
- Highly proactive, able to use initiative and professional judgement rather than waiting for direction
- Warm, nurturing, and relationship-focused while maintaining clear, appropriate boundaries
- Comfortable facilitating physical activities, movement-based play, and sports as part of daily care
- Professional, discreet, and respectful of family privacy at all times
- Strong communicator, able to work collaboratively with parents, therapists, and wider professionals
- Confident in following, implementing, and contributing to established care plans and therapeutic strategies
- Reliable, committed, and motivated to deliver an elite standard of care, combining clinical-level competence with genuine warmth and compassion

**About the role/family:** **SENNIES** is excited to support a family seeking a dedicated and experienced live-in Sennie to support their 8-year-old nephew, who attends a specialist school in Dubai. He is a happy, energetic, and active child who loves running, sports, and movement-based activities, and he is physically tall and strong for his age. This is a hands-on role that combines high-quality personal care with a strong developmental focus, offering the opportunity to make a meaningful and lasting difference in a child's life.

The Sennie will provide daily personal care support, including assistance with feeding, bathing, dressing, and bedtime routines, as well as managing school drop-offs and pick-ups and accompanying him to extracurricular clubs and activities. Creating calm, predictable routines around mealtimes, self-care, and transitions will be an important part of helping him feel secure and supported throughout the day. Alongside this, the role places a strong emphasis on supporting his ongoing development by extending the work done in school into the home environment. He attends a special needs school where he receives structured educational support alongside regular speech and language therapy and occupational therapy tailored to his needs. His mother is a specialist child therapist and is highly involved in his care and developmental planning. At home, the family closely follows the guidance provided by both the school and his mother's professional expertise. The Sennie will be expected to work within this established framework, reinforcing speech and language goals through everyday interactions, modelling and encouraging communication, and implementing occupational therapy strategies to support fine motor skills, self-care, independence, and overall functional development.

This role is very much about consistency and collaboration. By carrying therapeutic strategies into daily routines, the Sennie will help build continuity between school and home, supporting steady progress at a pace that suits the child. Regular communication with the family is essential to ensure goals are aligned, strategies are implemented effectively, and progress is shared. The family is looking for someone who sees this as more than a care position, but as a developmental role where patience, insight, and initiative can help the child reach his potential.

Accommodation is provided as part of this live-in position, either in the form of a private room with bathroom within the family home or a nearby studio apartment, offering comfort and privacy.

**About the child/children:** B8 is a lovely, warm, and engaging child with a diagnosis of autism. Although he is verbally communicative, his cognitive development is closer to that of a much younger child, and he therefore requires a high level of day-to-day support, guidance, and supervision. He is tall and physically large for his age, which means that the Sennie supporting him needs to be confident and physically capable while always maintaining a calm, gentle, and respectful approach.

B8 thrives with consistent routines, clear expectations, and patient adults who understand his developmental level and can meet him where he is. He benefits from support with daily living skills, transitions, and activities throughout the day, as well as encouragement to communicate his needs and engage positively with others. He responds best to warmth, structure, and reassurance, and builds strong bonds with carers who are playful, nurturing, and emotionally attuned. With the right support, B8 is a joyful child to be around, and he flourishes in an environment where he feels safe, understood, and supported to develop at his own pace.

**Sensory and safety checklist:** *The family have identified that B8:*

- *Resists changes to familiar routines, Is very distressed by certain sounds, Likes a hug if chosen to do this, Really enjoys crunchy food, Finds fine motor movements hard, Has poor balance, Afraid of everyday movement activities such as swings, slides, trampoline, Quite clumsy and bumps into objects and people*

**Main duties and responsibilities:**

- Provide consistent, nurturing care tailored to B8's developmental level, ensuring he feels safe, supported, and understood throughout the day
- Support all aspects of daily living, including assistance with feeding, bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene, using a calm and respectful approach
- Maintain clear, predictable routines and support smooth transitions between activities to reduce anxiety and promote emotional regulation
- Encourage communication and engagement through patient interaction, play, and everyday activities, reinforcing language and social skills
- Implement and reinforce strategies recommended by the special needs school, speech and language therapy, and occupational therapy within the home environment
- Support participation in physical activities, play, and outings, ensuring safety while promoting enjoyment and appropriate movement
- Accompany B8 to and from school and extracurricular activities as required, providing consistent support and supervision
- Observe and respond to B8's emotional and sensory needs, using reassurance, structure, and de-escalation strategies when needed
- Work collaboratively with the family and professionals, sharing observations and updates to ensure consistency and continuity of care
- Maintain a positive, patient, and proactive approach, building a trusting relationship that supports B8's wellbeing and development

**Lead Recruiter:** Anita - [Anita@sennies.co.uk](mailto:Anita@sennies.co.uk)

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