

Sennie (SEN SPECIALIST/NANNY) for G7

Additional needs present: Autism, Limited functional language, Sensory issues	Location: Putney, London, SW15	Wage / Salary: Between £32,760 - £36,400 per annum gross	Driver: Not-Essential but preferred
Live in/out: Live-Out	Pets: None	Days & Hours: Approx 35 hours per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - Friday: 9am - 4pm 	Start Date: ASAP

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ years of SEN childcare experience
- Experience working with children on the autism spectrum
- Friendly, patient, and nurturing approach, particularly when supporting a child with limited verbal communication
- Energetic and able to keep up with an active child, providing structure by planning engaging activities while also allowing space for spontaneity
- Vigilant, responsible, and attentive to the child's safety and wellbeing
- Willing to actively support language development by describing activities, singing, and encouraging communication
- Strong communicator who maintains regular, open communication with parents to ensure consistency and collaboration in the child's support

About the role/family: **SENNIES** is delighted to support a warm and welcoming family who are moving from Munich to London in March and will be living in the Putney area, in their search for a dedicated SEN Nanny to support their 7-year-old daughter, G7. G7 lives with her parents in a close and supportive family environment. She was diagnosed with autism at the age of three and a half and currently attends a specialist school in the Munich area. Both parents work full time, primarily from home, and will usually be nearby during the day should the sennie require guidance or support. The family has experience hosting several live-in au pairs and strives to create a harmonious, flexible, and respectful environment where the nanny feels supported while also having the space to work independently. They are looking for someone who can build a warm and trusting relationship with G7 while confidently supporting her developmental needs as the family transitions to life in London.

G7 has clear likes and dislikes and a strong sense of determination, so the role requires someone who understands autism and can anticipate situations that may lead to mood changes or dysregulation. A key part of the role will be creating a balance of structure and variety throughout the day to keep G7 engaged. This includes planning creative and active activities, encouraging participation in new experiences, and introducing fun ideas that may help expand her interests. The family is very open to suggestions and happy to provide resources or materials that support these activities.

Supporting G7's growing independence is another important focus of the role. She is capable of completing tasks such as dressing herself but may need encouragement, motivation, and positive reinforcement to follow through. The SEN Nanny will also help support G7's communication development through everyday interactions such as talking through activities, singing, and encouraging her to express herself. G7 currently receives speech and language therapy as well as occupational therapy, and the SEN Nanny will help reinforce the strategies recommended by these professionals within daily routines and play-based activities at home.

The ideal candidate will be cheerful, patient, and energetic, with a genuine passion for supporting children with additional needs. Someone who is proactive, creative, and nurturing will thrive in this role, helping G7 continue to develop her communication, independence, and confidence in a positive and supportive environment while supporting the family during their relocation and transition to the UK.

About the child/children: G7 is a cheerful and friendly child with a warm personality and a love for creative expression. She has a diagnosis of autism and has limited functional language. G7 enjoys music very much and has an impressive ability to memorise songs, often singing throughout the day. She also loves painting and

engaging in a variety of arts and crafts activities. G7 is an active child who enjoys spending time outdoors, particularly in good weather, and benefits from opportunities to move, explore, and stay physically engaged.

G7 can be sensitive to loud noises and busy environments, so calm and predictable settings help her feel comfortable and regulated. She requires supervision to ensure her safety, particularly when outside the home, as she may approach unfamiliar people without recognising potential risks. Her communication currently consists of single words, short phrases, gestures, and phrases taken from songs. Encouraging her to expand her language through play, modelling words, singing, and repeating simple phrases is an important part of supporting her development.

Because G7 is very active, she benefits from a structured yet varied routine that includes engaging activities to keep her interested and motivated. She sometimes finds it difficult to judge the amount of pressure to apply when holding objects, so thoughtful choices around materials, such as using plastic cups instead of thin glassware, are helpful in supporting her independence safely. G7 is capable of many self-care tasks, including dressing herself, but she often needs encouragement, patience, and repeated practice to complete these independently. With consistent support, positive reinforcement, and opportunities to practise, she can continue to build her confidence and independence in daily routines.

Sensory and safety checklist: *The family have identified that G7:*

- Likes to do certain activities the same way she has done them before (e.g. plays with toys only in certain specific ways), Is fascinated by shiny objects and bright colours, Gets lost easily, Licks or chews on toys or objects, Can memorise large amounts of information on certain topics, Finds crowded areas very difficult, Covers ears when hears certain sounds, Is very distressed by certain sounds, Likes a hug if chosen to do this, Repeats exactly what others have said, Very good auditory memory for songs and rhymes, Dislikes the feel of certain fabrics and substances, Dislikes certain foods and drinks, Hugs very tightly, Eats materials which are not edible, Likes to have food presented in a certain way on the plate

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide consistent supervision to ensure G7's safety, especially outdoors and in public spaces.
- Support and encourage G7's communication development using play, modelling words, repeating phrases, and incorporating music and singing.
- Plan and implement structured, varied activities to engage G7 physically, mentally, and creatively.
- Encourage and supervise self-care routines, including dressing, feeding, and other daily tasks, providing guidance and positive reinforcement as needed.
- Adapt materials and activities to ensure safety and accessibility, for example using appropriate objects for G7 to handle safely.
- Monitor and manage sensory sensitivities, creating calm and predictable environments to prevent overstimulation.
- Support G7's emotional regulation, providing reassurance, calm guidance, and strategies to manage frustration or anxiety.
- Collaborate with parents and therapists, such as speech and occupational therapists, to reinforce strategies and carry over interventions at home.
- Encourage outdoor play and physical activity to promote fitness, coordination, and enjoyment of nature.
- Observe and document progress, reporting relevant information to parents to inform ongoing support and development.

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

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