

Sennie (SEN Specialist/Nanny) for B3 & Newborn

Clapham, SW12 | Permanent Role | Full Time | Live Out | Monday–Friday

Additional needs present:	Location:	Wage / Salary:	Driver:
B3: Global developmental delay, speech delay, gross motor delay, SPD, feeding challenges	Clapham, London, SW12	Between £57,200 - £71,500 per annum gross	Essential - preferred with own car but not essential
Live in/out:	Pets:	Days & Hours:	Start Date:
Live out	None	Monday to Friday 8am - 7pm	1 October 2026

Essential Skills/Traits:

- 2+ years SEN childcare or therapeutic support experience, ideally with young children with developmental delay and/or sensory processing differences
- Confident modelling language throughout the day — experience with speech delay and ideally with Gestalt Language Processing
- Experienced implementing OT strategies at home — including heavy work, deep pressure massage and movement-based regulation
- Understanding of sensory processing and sound hypersensitivity — able to read early signs of dysregulation and respond calmly
- Patient and creative at mealtimes — able to gently support feeding independence and broaden food repertoire without pressure
- Warm, nurturing and genuinely playful — someone B3 will trust and connect with
- Confident with newborns — comfortable with all aspects of newborn care
- Experienced working collaboratively as part of a multi-professional team — SLT, OT, physio and nursery
- Tenacious, can-do and adaptable — happy to flex the day based on how B3 is presenting
- Equally comfortable with household tasks (light housework, laundry, children's meal prep) as with childcare
- Happy working closely alongside Mum throughout the day in a team approach

About the Role & Family

SENNIES is delighted to support a warm, hands-on family based in Clapham, South West London, in finding their perfect Sennie. A new baby is due at the end of October 2026, and the family are looking for an experienced, tenacious and deeply caring Sennie to join them from 1 October on a full-time permanent basis, Monday to Friday.

This is very much a team role — Mum will be at home throughout, recovering from a planned C-section in the early weeks and then gradually returning to day-to-day life. Dad will be out of the house from 7am–7pm for work. The family are looking for someone who is as comfortable working alongside Mum and taking the lead independently, who takes the same pride in a well-run home as they do in exceptional childcare. The role is best described as a Sennie and mothers help combined — fluid, practical, warm and completely child-centred.

B3 attends nursery every morning (8:15am–12:15pm) with his own dedicated 1:1 who accompanies him and provides daily feedback. The Sennie will use this feedback to shape B3's afternoon — whether that means getting outside for some physical activity, doing OT-based play at home, or having a quiet, regulated afternoon. Afternoons and evenings are the Sennie's primary focus for B3, alongside newborn support and household tasks during the nursery hours.

About the Children

B3 is a gentle, sensitive and joyful little boy who loves music, singing, numbers, letters and books. He is happiest chasing a balloon or a ball around, loves cause-and-effect toys and responds beautifully to calm, attentive adults who engage with him on his level. He has a wonderful auditory memory for songs and rhymes and lights up when someone sings with him.

B3 has a global developmental delay affecting his speech and gross motor skills — he began walking at 27 months and is building his physical strength and endurance. He has sensory processing differences and is hypersensitive to sound, which can lead to dysregulation particularly around noise, hunger and transitions. He has a referral to a community paediatrician to begin assessments for Autism and ADHD. He currently receives weekly Speech and Language Therapy and weekly Occupational Therapy, both in clinic and at nursery, with occasional physiotherapy through the NHS. He is also on the NHS waiting list for a specialist feeding team.

A key part of supporting B3 is consistent language modelling throughout the day — the family follow a Gestalt Language Processing approach and are looking for a Sennie who either has experience with this or is enthusiastic and committed to learning it. Equally important is weaving OT strategies into everyday play — heavy work, deep pressure, movement and sensory regulation are all part of how B3 thrives. At mealtimes, B3 needs gentle, patient support to develop his feeding independence — he has feeding challenges and a limited but growing repertoire of around 12–15 foods.

Sensory & Safety Checklist — *The family have identified that B3:*

- Remembers routes and places extremely well
- Covers ears when hears certain sounds
- Can hear sounds which others do not hear
- 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 certain foods and drinks
- Hugs very tightly
- Has difficulty running and climbing
- Finds it hard to ride a bike
- Does not seem to know where body is in space
- Has poor balance

A new baby sibling is due at the end of October 2026. The Sennie will support Mum with newborn care — including watching the baby for short windows, helping with feeds and bottles, and being a steady, capable presence during the early weeks of recovery.

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- Support B3 getting ready and out of the door for nursery each morning
- Attend therapy sessions with B3 (SLT, OT, physio) and mirror strategies throughout the day at home
- Implement OT strategies during afternoon play — heavy work, deep pressure, movement — to support B3's sensory regulation
- Model language consistently throughout the day using best practice to support a Gestalt Language Processor as guided by the SLT team.
- Support B3 at mealtimes, gently encouraging feeding independence and building his food repertoire without pressure
- Adapt B3's afternoon routine based on feedback from his nursery 1:1 — physical activity, OT or calm decompression as needed
- Accompany B3 to relevant clubs and activities (e.g. Playball) independently or with Mum
- Support B3's physical endurance — stair climbing, walking, building strength and gross motor confidence
- Work as part of the cross-professional team including SLT, OT, physio and nursery
- Provide newborn care alongside Mum — watching the baby, supporting feeds, washing bottles
- Support Mum during C-section recovery — light housework, laundry, tidying, children's meal prep
- Run household errands as needed
- Bath and bedtime routine for both B3 and the newborn
- Tag-team with Mum fluidly throughout the day, stepping in and stepping back as needed

Who This Role Would Suit

- An experienced Sennie, nanny or SEN support professional who is equally confident with a neurodivergent toddler and a newborn
- Someone who genuinely loves the full scope of this role — therapy implementation, language modelling, housekeeping and newborn care all in one
- A tenacious, can-do person with a warm, calm manner — someone who adapts to the day with flexibility and positivity
- Someone with experience or strong interest in Gestalt Language Processing and OT sensory strategies
- An individual who is completely comfortable working closely alongside Mum throughout the day as part of a true team
- Someone who takes the same pride in a well-organised home as they do in high-quality childcare

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