

Sennie (SEN Specialist / Nanny / Manny) for B7

Kentish Town, NW5 | Pay Per Hour Role | Live Out | After School & Holiday Cover

Additional needs present:	Location:	Salary:
B7: Autistic, Non- Verbal	Kentish Town, London NW5	From £18 per hour gross
Live out	Days & Hours:	Term time: Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri — 3:30pm to 6:30pm School holidays: 2–3 days per week, approx. 6 hrs/day Specific days agreed in advance
Driver: not essential but preferred		

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Experience supporting non-verbal Autistic children — confident, patient and genuinely at ease.
- Understanding of non-verbal and alternative communication — basic Makaton knowledge essential
- Understanding of sensory processing differences — able to read and respond to sensory cues confidently.
- Familiar with or willing to learn positive behaviour support and low-demand approaches.
- Ability to follow established routines consistently — routine is central to B7's sense of security.
- Excellent observational skills — tuned in to non-verbal cues and changes in B7's regulation.
- Creative and resourceful in planning engaging, screen-free activities suited to B7's interests and energy levels.
- Strong safeguarding awareness and ability to work independently with initiative

About the Child & Role

SENNIES is delighted to support a warm and committed working mum based in Kentish Town, NW5, in finding a wonderful Sennie for her son. This is a meaningful after-school and holiday role centred entirely on B7 — a joyful, affectionate, and active seven-year-old who is non-verbal and Autistic, and who thrives with the right person alongside him.

B7 is a jovial, affectionate little boy who loves to give hugs. He is full of energy and seeks out high-energy sensory experiences — running, climbing, and swinging are among his favourites. In quieter moments, he loves settling with his books and a preferred small item (a pen or pencil), building puzzles and Lego, stacking, and organising small objects, and sorting cards and paper and listening to calming music. B7 is non-verbal and communicates through non-verbal cues and behaviour, so strong observational skills and familiarity with Makaton are essential.

Mum is a working professional who relies on consistent, high-quality after-school care to maintain her work schedule. She has carefully established routines that support B7's sensory needs and provide the predictability he depends on. The family are currently transitioning away from screen-based activities, and the Sennie will be expected to support this by planning creative, engaging and screen-free alternatives tailored to B7's interests and energy levels.

B7 is currently supported through Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, ABA Therapy and Music Therapy. The Sennie will be expected to embed therapeutic strategies consistently into everyday routines and activities, following Mum's lead and working collaboratively as part of B7's wider support network.

Key development areas: Receptive and expressive communication; regulation and attention; food exploration — gently broadening the range of textures and foods B7 engages with.

Medication: B7 uses a prescribed nasal spray. Full details and instructions provided.

Sensory & Safety Checklist — *The family have identified that B7:*

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| • Resists changes to familiar routines. | • Likes a hug if chosen to do this. |
| • Gets lost easily. | • Only seems to hear the first words of a sentence. |
| • Has difficulty catching balls. | • Dislikes certain foods and drinks. |
| • Smells, licks, taps objects and people. | • Seeks pressure by crawling under heavy objects. |
| • Remembers routes and places extremely well. | • Hugs very tightly. |
| • Finds crowded areas very difficult. | • Enjoys feeling certain materials. |

- Prefers to sit at back or front of a group.
- Covers ears when hears certain sounds.
- Can hear sounds which others do not.
- Bangs objects and doors.
- Is attracted by sounds and noises.
- Likes to have food presented in a certain way on the plate.
- Really enjoys crunchy food.
- Finds fine motor movements hard.
- Has extremely good balance.

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- Greet B7 home from school and provide consistent, nurturing after-school care (term time, four days per week)
- Plan and deliver engaging, screen-free activities suited to B7's sensory profile, interests, and energy levels.
- Follow B7's established daily routines carefully — routine is central to his regulation and sense of safety.
- Use Makaton and non-verbal communication strategies to support B7's understanding and expression.
- Embed SALT, OT and ABA strategies into everyday play and interactions, following guidance from Mum and the therapy team.
- Support food exploration gently and without pressure — encouraging B7 to engage with new textures and foods.
- Administer B7's nasal spray as directed.
- Provide holiday and half-term cover: 2–3 days per week, approx. 6 hours per day, with specific days agreed in advance.
- Maintain clear and regular communication with Mum, sharing observations about B7's mood, engagement, and progress.
- Support B7's developing independence, regulation, and attention through consistent, patient and encouraging interaction.

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