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# Sennie (SEN Specialist / Nanny) for B2

Church Crookham, GU52 | Pay Per Hour Role | Live Out

| Additional needs present: | Location: | Salary: |
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| B2: Angelman syndrome, non-verbal, epilepsy (well controlled) | Hampshire GU52 | £18 per hour gross |
| **Live out**<br>Driver: Essential (own car) | **Days & Hours:** | Mon, Tue & Thu — 8:00am to 6:00pm (up to 30 hrs/wk)<br>Until a new nursery placement is in place |

## Essential Skills/Traits:

- Experience supporting young children with disabilities or complex needs — ideally Angelman syndrome or similar
- Epilepsy experience desirable — calm and confident recognising and responding to brief seizures
- Confident supporting a non-verbal child — reading cues, noises and body language, and using a Total Communication approach
- Physically able to lift and carry B2 (13.5kg) safely, including up and down stairs
- Happy to embed daily physio, OT and SALT practice into play, following guidance from the therapy team
- Experience feeding a young child who needs to be fed, and encouraging finger foods and self-feeding
- Fun, enthusiastic and engaging — the family say enthusiasm is just as important as experience
- Full UK driving licence and own car for playgroups, activities and outings
- Comfortable in a home with a dog

## About the Child & Role

**SENNIES** is delighted to support a warm and loving family in Church Crookham, GU52, in finding a fun and enthusiastic Sennie for their two-year-old son. B2 has Angelman syndrome and, since receiving his EHCP, is waiting for 1:1 support to be put in place before he can return to nursery. This role, funded by the local authority, gives B2 the stimulation, social interaction and learning he is currently missing, three days a week until a new nursery placement is found. The family also have a four-month-old baby, B4months, who does not need care from the Sennie.

**B2** is the happiest, most adventurous, smiley little boy, who gives the best cuddles and makes everyone fall in love with his cheeky smile. He loves music and being sung to, stories (especially touch-and-feel books where he can help turn the pages), toys that spin and make noise, and emptying toys out of a box. He loves swimming, the bath, being outdoors and the swings. He is sociable and enjoys being around other children and adults, but is also happy playing by himself. B2 is non-verbal: he makes noises for attention and cries if upset, but doesn't yet ask for things. He can't walk yet, but commando or 4-point crawls, pulls to kneel and stand, and plays at kneeling level. Sudden loud noises can upset him.

B2 has weekly sessions with a specialist physiotherapist, plus regular OT and SALT input, and the family practise every day at home. The Sennie will carry out physio practice for 10–15 minutes three times a day and follow the SALT and OT strategies. B2 is a safe swallower but needs to be fed; his appetite varies, he manages wetter foods best (and loves cake!) and is getting better with finger foods. He has a good routine, including a nap with his dummy, which helps him relax.

**Epilepsy:** B2's epilepsy is very well controlled on medication. His seizures are very quick and are only dangerous if he falls, so close supervision during standing, kneeling and floor play is essential. Medication giving is not a responsibility of the Sennie for this role

**Key development areas:** Communicating choices, requests, refusals, emotions and needs through his Total Communication system; taking part in structured learning and shared play for longer; mobility, working towards standing and walking with support; self-feeding with adapted equipment.

**Medication:** Clobazam, Laxido and Omeprazole.

## Sensory & Safety Checklist — *The family have identified that B2:*

- Can be distressed by sudden loud noises
- Bangs objects and doors
- Is attracted by sounds and noises
- Likes a hug if chosen to do this
- Enjoys feeling certain materials
- Finds fine motor movements hard
- Has difficulty running and climbing
- Finds it hard to ride a bike
- Has poor balance (seizure and fall risk — close supervision required)

## Main Duties & Responsibilities

- Provide fun, nurturing, sole-charge care for B2 on Mon, Tue and Thu
- Take B2 to playgroups, groups and outings with other children, so he keeps the social contact he's missing from nursery
- Carry out physio practice three times a day (10–15 mins) and follow OT and SALT strategies
- Support B2's communication using his Total Communication system
- Plan engaging activities around his interests: music, stories, sensory and spinning toys, swings, outdoors
- Prepare B2's meals, feed him and encourage finger foods and self-feeding
- Nappy changing and following his nap routine
- Supervise closely and keep him safe during seizures, especially from falls
- Keep B2's areas tidy, wash his clothes and clean up after meals and activities
- Share regular updates with Mum on B2's mood, progress and any seizures

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