

Full Time Sennie (SEN NANNY/MANNY) for B2

Location: Islington, N1 (North London)

Wage / Salary: £15 - £20 p/h gross dependant on experience / £31,200 - £46,800 per annum (Please note the annual salary is listed only as an approximate guideline)

Driver preferred but not essential

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Previous work experience with early years children
- Previous experience working with global developmental delay or similar conditions
- Patient and level headed approach
- Demonstrable experience of keeping calm under pressure
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Physically capable and confident regularly lifting/carrying a toddler
- Strong communication and organisational skills
- A warm and loving personality
- Comfortable with swimming / supporting a child in a swimming pool

Desirable Skills/Traits:

- Prior experience or understanding of epilepsy/seizures
- Knowledge or understanding of therapies such as speech and language and occupational therapy
- Willingness to travel occasionally with the family, a few times per year (once COVID restrictions are lifted)
- A desire to build a close relationship with the family
- Confidence driving with a child passenger

Start Date: ASAP

Days & Hours: *40 - 45 hours per week on a semi-flexible basis*

Monday - Friday: 8/8.30pm - 5/5.30pm

About the family: SENNIES are pleased to be working alongside this fantastic family to find a great Sennie for their son, B2, to work with them on a full time basis at their home in North London. They are looking for a Sennie who likes to really get stuck in and become part of the family, who can demonstrate prior experience supporting young children with additional needs and supporting cognitive and educational development. They take a very positive approach and believe there is nothing B2 can't do as long as he is given the time and patience to do it at his pace. This a lovely opportunity offering the Sennie a long term opportunity to remain with the family as B2 grows.

About B2: B2 is a giggly, loveable and strong willed little boy who is generally very happy and smiley, he enjoys swimming classes, playing in the park, and most importantly, loves his musical books and toys.

B2 has a genetic condition (SCN2A) causing epilepsy, which is currently well controlled by medication, and global developmental delay. His gross motor, fine motor, and communication skills are all at around the level normally associated with a 12-15 month old.

It should be noted that the family lives in a townhouse where B2 needs regularly carrying up and down stairs, and therefore Sennies applying should be physically confident in lifting and carrying a heavy toddler on a daily basis. There is opportunity for a break each day whilst B2 is napping.

B2 is currently receiving physical and occupational therapy and will soon be working with a speech and language therapist, to support his key areas for development. The Sennie selected should be capable and comfortable working alongside these specialists and implementing any strategies or interventions as advised.

B2 can crawl independently and can play at kneeling height, but can only stand for short periods of time and cannot stand unaided. The family are currently building exercises into his play to develop his strength and coordination so that he will be able to stand, and eventually walk, independently. B2 absolutely loves his swimming classes, and the family believe this is because they provide him with a freedom of movement that he does not otherwise enjoy and so more time in the water is encouraged as it will also help improve his gross motor skills.

The focus of the occupational therapy has recently been around self-feeding, where B2 has made great progress. Given time and patience, he can now finger-feed an entire meal and is starting to hold a fork.

B2 is currently pre-verbal and communicates predominantly through gestures and sounds - the family are next looking to work with the speech and language therapist to develop his communication skills.

Cooperation and working in tandem with the physical, occupational and speech-and-language therapists is an essential part of the role.

B2's key areas for development and support are:

- Continuing to encourage and improve B2's fine and gross motor skills
- Positive and patient encouragement of B2's speech and language skills
- Communicating clearly and liaising with B2's therapy team and parents to ensure a consistent approach to B2's development
- Providing personal care whilst supporting B2's independence and self care (in line with his developmental age)
- Administering rescue medication and/or providing the appropriate care/response should B2 have a seizure
- Regular lifting / carrying of B2

B2 requires an anti-epileptic drug, Lacosamide, which is given twice per day. Normally, this is outside of his current nanny's working hours, so administering this is not part of the standard duties however he has a "rescue drug" which must be carried when with him at all times, which should be administered in the event of a seizure lasting more than 5 minutes. It has only been required once, in September 2020. The Sennie will be shown how to do this and what additional steps to take in the event that it is needed.

B2 will be starting nursery 3 mornings per week from September, however the family plan to keep the Sennie contracted for their 40 hours per week with a slight adjustment to the working hours.

About the role: The selected Sennie will provide full time child care on a sole-charge basis. Due to COVID-19 parents may be working from home, however the Sennie should behave as though this is a sole-charge position.

The Sennie should have an encouraging, understanding and loving approach, keeping B2's wellbeing and happiness front and centre, whilst helping him to reach his milestones at a pace that works for him.

Main Duties include:

- Preparing B2 for the day i.e personal care (teeth brushing, dressing etc)
- Preparing snacks, lunches and dinners
- Taking B2 to and joining in with daily activities such as classes, playgroups and swimming
- Help with feeding
- Putting B2 down for his daily naps
- Light nursery duties including B2's laundry and meal preparation
- Implementing therapies and strategies for B2's key areas for development throughout each day
- From September - collecting B2 from nursery three times a week
- Engaging B2 in playtime and creating/planning age appropriate activities

The family are looking for a vigilant, calm and nurturing Special Educational Needs Nanny, who can provide fantastic and fun care for their children. The Sennie selected will be able to follow and support therapies and interventions determined by the family (in conjunction with the Sennie) and professionals. A genuine passion for working with children and special educational needs is a must.