

Fantastic Full - Time Sennie (SEN NANNY) for G3.5

Location: Olympic Park, Stratford, E20

Wage / Salary: £18 - £20 p/h (gross) for a highly experienced 'Super Sennie' (Approx. £40,000 - £57,000 per annum)

Driving status: A driver is preferred but not essential

Essential Skills/Traits:

- Previous work experience with early years
- Knowledgeable and experienced working with Autistic children
- Previous experience as a nanny/sole-charge care setting or similar environment
- Ability to create and implement visual materials and prepare age appropriate learning activities
- Able to implement a consistent and considered approach to childcare
- Willingness to engage with therapy team and parents to develop and implement care, communication and other therapy strategies
- Proactive and engaging personality

Desirable Skills/Traits:

- Makaton and PECS training and/or previous work experience implementing communication tools
- Previous experience with undertaking nanny/nursery duties
- Understanding of speech and language, behavioural and occupational therapy strategies

Start Date: Mid-July 2021

Days & Hours: 40 hours per week term time / 55 hours per week during nursery holidays

**Term time Monday - Friday: 8am - 11am
3pm - 7pm**

The family is able to be flexible in terms of which are the 'on' and 'off' duty hours after nursery drop off and before pick-up, which would be agreed with the Sennie before the placement begins.

Holidays Monday - Friday: 8am - 7pm

Pets: None at present but the family are considering acquiring a trained autism assistance dog

About the family: SENNIES are pleased to be working with this lovely and loving family, to find a super Sennie to provide excellent, full-time care for their little girl, 3.5 who is Autistic.

The family have employed a nanny for the past 2.5 years who they have a great relationship with. She is leaving London so they are now looking for a knowledgeable and understanding SEN nanny who can appropriately support and encourage their daughter. The family would like to find a Sennie who can demonstrate excellent prior hands - on experience with young children, specifically early years. This is a fantastic position that offers a lot of scope for creativity and planning, with standard nanny duties expected.

The parents are very involved in their daughter's development, and mum has even learnt Makaton up to level 4 to allow her to communicate effectively with her little one, so someone who shares the same proactive and involved approach is essential.

About G3.5: G3.5 years is a fun, determined and creative child. She loves to read and draw and she particularly enjoys going on the train and shopping in the supermarket. Her favourite places are visiting the cake shop nearby and her favourite pasta restaurant. She loves animals, especially dogs, rabbits and squirrels so a fellow animal lover and creative minded Sennie is a must, to genuinely engage with her special interests.

G3 currently has limited speech but finds other ways to communicate including Makaton and PECS (picture exchange communication) so someone who has previous experience implementing and using these communication tools would be fantastic. G3 responds very well to set routines and consistency so it is very important that the Sennie can remain clear with their communication and in setting boundaries.

G3 is currently attending occupational, behaviour and speech and language therapy, each once per week, and receives music therapy at nursery. The Sennie should be able to continue to implement the therapies and interventions as directed by the specialists, within the home, whilst also liaising with the parents about what is taking place at her sessions, working collaboratively with them to ensure everyone is working from the same page.

The Sennie must be patient and caring as G3 needs time to process information, changes to her environment and transitions from one activity to the next. Sometimes G3 can be 'rigid' in her thinking and can struggle to emotionally regulate if she forgets what is coming next in the day or any changes to her plans and generally tends to gravitate towards her preferred activities, so the Sennie must be able to gently guide her to more flexible thinking (appropriate for a 3 year old) and support her through these moments. They must also be creative and happy to get involved in preparing activities and materials that are suitable for G3's educational and cognitive development, including utilising resources such as Widgit online and her PECS board. The parents are happy to offer training to support the Sennie implementing these tasks.

Her key areas for development and support are:

- Aiding and encouraging G3 with expanding her vocabulary and using visual communication tools
- Helping G3 to try new foods (though she is usually reasonably adventurous with her carers)
- Supporting G3 with emotional regulation strategies and transitions
- Continuing to implement interventions as set by her specialists to aid in her development
- Toileting outside of the home setting
- Helping G3 with social interactions and routine changes

About the role: The selected Sennie will provide daily weekday care on a sole-charge basis - due to COVID-19 parents may be working from home for at least part of the time in the near term, however the Sennie should behave as though this is a sole-charge position.

This role includes nursery drop off in the morning followed by time to undertake nursery duties and plan play strategies. The Sennie then has "off duty" time for a few hours before returning to pick up G3 from nursery at 3pm.

Main Duties include:

- Nursery drop - off and pick – up (15mins walk from home)

- Taking G3 to therapy appointments (usually 2-3 times a week)
- Cooking and preparing meals and snacks
- Engaging G3 in activities and strategies in line with their key areas for development
- Interacting with G3 in her special interests
- Light nursery duties such as the G3's laundry, changing bed sheets, ironing her clothes, etc.

The family is looking for an experienced, creative and proactive Special Educational Needs Nanny, who can provide fantastic care for their child. 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.