

Support Worker required in Combs Ford, Stowmarket

4 hours available per week during term-time (weekends)

6 hours per week during school holidays (weekdays)

£12.70 per hour

Job reference: 5023

Job description

Although this job description is correct at present, it may change from time to time after negotiation with the post holder.

Must have the right to work in the UK to apply for this role, sponsorship not available.

Job purpose

To look after a 4-year-old boy, taking him out to the fun places he like to go and to do fun activities with him at home.

About me

I am a 4-year-old boy who lives near Stowmarket, I love swimming and being outside, I love silly noises and getting up to mischief! I am registered blind, have epilepsy and dystonia but that doesn't stop me loving life.

Attitude and approach are key, I want someone who is calm and caring, who likes to have fun and enjoys working with children with complex needs.

The person supporting me will have the use of my wheelchair accessible vehicle to take me out in. Training in epilepsy emergency medications and tube feeding can be arranged.

We have no pets and are a non-smoking household.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Personal care, I am fully dependent on others for all aspects of care
- Medications need to be administered in a timely fashion
 - routine and emergency meds
- Meals to be given via gastrostomy
- Recognise the early signs of my dystonia worsening and help me to manage the pain and discomfort
- Driving my wheelchair accessible vehicle when we go out
 - You will need to be happy driving a larger vehicle

Personal Specification

(refer to these when submitting your application)

Essential Criteria

- Full UK Driving Licence Manual and over 21-years-old (for insurance purposes)
- Calm and able to think clearly under pressure
- Able to work without supervision

- Good communicator
- Good sense of humour

Desirable Criteria

- Experience with epilepsy and rescue medication
- Experience with managing dystonia
- Experience in gastrostomy feeds
- Have knowledge of Canaan Barrie signing
- Experience of working in a similar role
- Experience of working with children
- Moving and Handling training
- Understanding of the importance of confidentiality
 - (no photographs / information about the child should be shared)

Summary terms and conditions

- Hours, days and times of work: Some flexibility around the days and times of work, to be agreed with the successful applicant. Please see details below:
 - During termtime, weekends: either 8 hours alternate Saturdays/Sundays (10:00 to 18:00) or 4 hours every week (10:00 to 14:00).
 - During the school holidays, weekday: 6 hours per week on one day from Monday to Friday (10:00 to 16:00)
- Pay rate: £12.70 per hour
- Annual leave: The annual holiday entitlement for this position will be equivalent to the work normally done during 5.6 weeks (statutory entitlement).
- Expenses: You will be reimbursed for prior agreed expenses incurred as part of the role.

The post is subject to the following

- Background check: A satisfactory Enhanced with Barred List(s) Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this position.
 - *If you have been convicted of a criminal offence, please send these details to SIL in a separate email or in a sealed envelope together with a stamped addressed envelope. This will not be shared unless you are shortlisted for the post.*
- References: If successful, you will be required to provide details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer, or character references if you have not been employed
- Trial period: This post is subject to a probationary period of 3 months.

How to apply

If you wish to apply for this position, please complete an **application form** and return it to SIL, quoting the job reference number **5023**.

Please refer to the job description.

Online form: <https://www.suffolkindependentliving.org.uk/application-form-1>

Email: suffolk@silmail.org

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