**Support Worker - 5153**

**Kesgrave**

**£13.50 per hour**

**10 hours per week**

**Term time: 4 weekdays from 5:00pm to 7:30pm**

**School holiday: Suitable hours between 10am and 4pm**

**Job reference: 5153**

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

**Main Duties**

A kind, committed, and caring Support Worker is required in Kesgrave to help support an 8-year-old autistic child in his own home, supported by his parents. This position is a fantastically rewarding opportunity for those who love working with children and supporting the wellbeing and extra support required of children with autism.

As a Support Worker employed within the home, you will be joining a loving, warm and friendly household committed to the development of the cared for. The successful candidate will become a valued and important member of the family, playing a vital role within family life.

The successful candidate will be utilised within the home primarily to support the child at playtime, playing with toys, carrying out activities, and reading his favourite books. At times the Support Worker will also be required to help with mealtime and snack-eating. Due to the working patterns of the parents, the Support Worker will be supported by parents but must be responsible for the child alone when required.

**Working hours**

* 10 hours per week
* **Term time**: 4 weekdays from 5:00pm to 7:30pm
* **School holidays**: Suitable hours between 10am and 4pm
* There is the possibility of extra hours being available

**Essential criteria:**

In order to be considered as a candidate, individuals must possess the following qualities and characteristics.

* Candidates should be of a warm, respectful, and understanding character.
* Candidates should be responsible and capable of acting without supervision when necessary, remaining pro-active and solution focused
* Candidates should possess excellent communication skills
* Candidates should be committed to the wellbeing of the cared for
* Candidates should be competent and capable of effectively carrying out tasks where required

**Desirable criteria**

* Experience in a similar position with vulnerable children will support an application
* Qualifications, such as an NVQ in Health & Social Care, or a Diploma Children’s Workforce, will also support an application of a candidate, but is not essential
* Driving license

**Summary conditions:**

* The hourly pay for this position is £13.50 per hour. The position is for 10 hours per week, although it is expected additional hours will be available per week.
* Employees will receive 5.6 weeks pro-rata of paid annual leave per year.
* Employees will receive all statutory entitlements where relevant, including a workplace pension.
* All payments will be made formally, through bank transfer and compliant with HMRC guidelines.

**The post is subject to the following:**

* A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check, the cost of which will be covered by the employer.
* Satisfactory references from two referees, one of which must be your current or last employer.
* Completion of a satisfactory probationary period of 1 month.

**How to apply:**

You can complete an application form online here: <https://www.suffolkindependentliving.org.uk/application-form-1> **please ensure you quote the reference 5153**

Or, if you wish to have an application form emailed or posted to you, please contact Suffolk Independent Living on 01473 603876 or send us a message at Suffolk@silmail.org