**Job description**

**Location: York (YO31)**

**Hours**

**Hourly Rate: £14 per hour**

**About Walter:**

Walter is a fun-loving, energetic 9-year-old who enjoys the outdoors, Minecraft, running, and taking things apart to see how they work. He’s curious, imaginative, and has a strong sense of his own direction. Walter thrives with people who are calm, patient, and interested in sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for the world around them.

**Job Purpose:**

To support Walter in engaging in safe and meaningful play, exploration, and learning activities in and outside the home. This includes helping him pursue his interests, manage transitions, and access the community in a way that respects his individuality and needs.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Support Walter during outdoor activities, creative play, and exploration
* Assist with outings to parks, events, or places of interest
* Encourage his love of Minecraft, construction, and learning how things work
* Respect his need for autonomy while helping him stay safe
* Provide gentle structure when needed, using clear communication and kindness
* Work collaboratively with Walter’s family to understand his needs and preferences
* Support Walter’s emotional well-being by being calm, reassuring, and consistent
* Ensure activities are inclusive, engaging, and aligned with his interests

**Person Specification**

**Essential Criteria:**

* Kind, caring, and patient nature
* Comfortable supporting a child who may struggle with instructions not aligned with his own ideas
* Able to follow the child’s lead while gently supporting engagement
* Respectful of neurodiversity and individuality
* Reliable, punctual, and consistent
* Good communicator – both with Walter and his family
* Willingness to learn and adapt
* Ability to work independently and use initiative

**Desirable Criteria:**

* Experience supporting neurodivergent children or children with additional needs
* Interest in science, construction, Minecraft, or creative problem-solving
* Driving licence and access to a car.
* Basic understanding of safeguarding and child development
* Awareness of sensory needs, emotional regulation, and trauma-informed practice

**Additional Information:**

* This role is funded through direct payments and subject to DBS and reference checks
* Full training and ongoing support will be provided by the family
* The role may require a degree of flexibility depending on school hours, holidays, and activities