

Property reference number: - 2201 – 1589 (LONDON)

Home to a family with 2 children in the 5-12 age group, 3 teenagers and 2 'adult' children.

They are looking to house swap during the school holidays.

KEY INFORMATION

Bedrooms available:-	4 bedrooms:- 1 double, 2 twin (both have bunk-beds), and one with a triple bunk-bed. There is also a large spare sitting room that can take 1 double or 2 single beds, mattresses are available. (Max:- 9/11 people)
Children welcome:-	Yes all ages.
Pets that live here:-	They have a Miniature Schnauzer that does not shed hair. They would like to bring her with them when they house-swap, but if this is not possible she can go into kennels, or elsewhere. There are 7 chickens that free range in the garden. They will need feeding, shutting up at night & letting out in the morning, but this can be done by a neighbour if preferred.
re-dogs	They would consider a dog staying if it was on a lead when in the garden, unless it's used to chickens free ranging.



The property is a large ground floor apartment with a garden alongside the Thames river. The location is very close to central London (3.5 miles from Tower bridge), but due to it being on the Isle of Dogs, inside a loop of the Thames, it is relatively quiet with no through traffic. There is a riverside walkway/cycle path outside the garden, and a Thames sand/shingle beach by the back gate. There are great river views from all windows looking across to the Millennium Dome.

There are excellent connections to central London with DLR trains (7 minute walk) and Underground station (Jubilee line).

The apartment is on the ground floor, 6 floors to the block, and it was originally 2 apartments that have been connected together, and therefore could be disconnected if needed (via door) to allow separate facilities e.g. for grandparents staying with family. There are 2 separate front doors, 2 sitting rooms (one with TV), 3 toilets/bathrooms/shower and 2 kitchens, all ground floor. Being in an apartment the family has lots of close neighbours who are kind and helpful, and it's a close and friendly community. They

try to respect other residents by keeping the garden noise down before 10am and after 10pm (especially the trampoline use).

The medium sized garden runs alongside the apartment and is totally enclosed with a gate directly on to the river path. It's mostly laid to lawn with shrubs, patio areas, garden chairs & table, and a fire basket. There are also the following:- 13' rectangular trampoline with net surround, go karts, a range of bikes, gym mats and a beam. And a full size table tennis table in the garden, and pool/snooker table indoors!

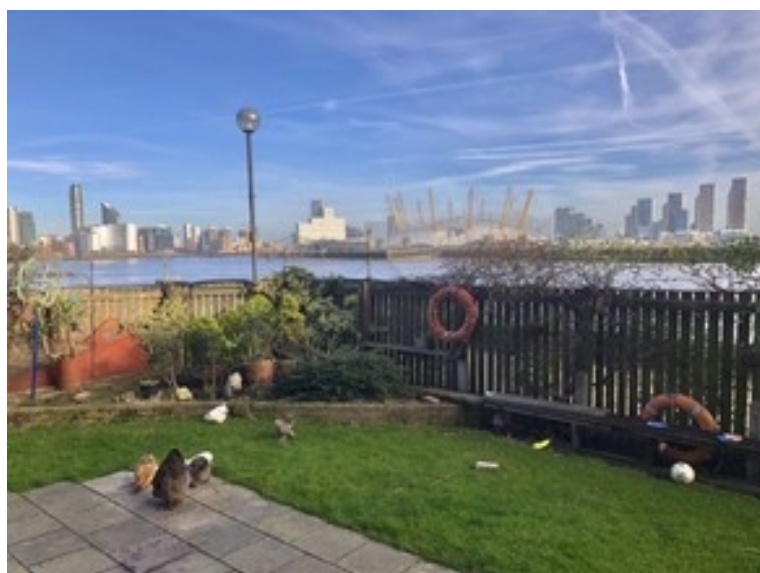
Anyone who has a Kayak/Canoe/sailing boat can launch it from the beach by the back gate (slip way there), as no permits are required on the tidal stretches of the Thames. The beach there is great for paddling & playing with sand in the summer. There is off-road parking with permits available for as many cars as needed. The property is now inside the ULEZ zone but not inside the congestion zone. 5 mins walk is corner shop & 10 to Asda; within 10 mins walk to eating places.

The family attend Zoar Chapel, a traditional Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland where about 40 people meet on Sunday mornings and 30 in the evening. More info on their website: www.fpchurch.org.uk/location/london-congregation/



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This is a great location for exploring London, as well as having a few quieter days away from the city. The flat is very spacious and there is a lovely garden which had chickens for us to look after. We were right on the Thames path which led us all the way to Greenwich and the O₂ arena. We had some lovely days out during our week away. Top marks all round for this lovely house-swap holiday!



Sport and Leisure	Within 1 mile, gym, swimming pool, sailing club for hiring sailing boats, kayaks, paddle boards (Docklands sailing and water-sport centre), cycle hire (Santander bike scheme). Many sports available across London.
children's play area	2 large play grounds 5-10 minute walk away,
Local places of interest	Docklands museum, Tower of London, Tower Bridge, London Aquarium, London eye, Sky Garden. Trips through London on the Thames clipper or sight seeing boats. Terminal on the Isle of Dogs 20 minute walk. Mudchute 5 minutes walk, large city farm with 32 acres and cows, sheep, goats, lamas, pigs, donkeys and small animals. 15 minute walk to foot tunnel that goes under Thames and comes up in Greenwich historical town - Palace, Royal Observatory, Planetarium, Cutty Sark sailing ship, markets etc And so much more throughout London!

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