

**Property reference number: - 2302-1612 (READING)**

Home to a family with one pre-school child and one in the 5-12 age group, looking to house swap during school (preferably summer) holidays, and maybe an occasional long w/e when they could house-swap or offer their home to house/sitters.

**KEY INFORMATION...**

Bedrooms available:-	Double:- 1 single:- 2 Both single rooms can fit an additional single mattress or toddler bed so could be made into twin/bunks; one of the single rooms is a 2'6 cabin bed. (max:- 4-6 people)
Children welcome?-	Yes all age groups
Pets that live here:-	They have 2 chickens that will just need their water refilling.
re-dogs	They could not consider a dog staying

This 1950's semi-detached home is situated in the south area of Reading town which is a good location for a combination of city life and lovely country areas to enjoy for a great holiday! There are lots of amenities within easy walking distance: shops, park, playing fields, sports centre, swimming pool. There are also many interesting activities and places to visit within a short drive so this is a good base from which to explore the area.

They are also very close to the M4 junction, countryside football stadium, and a very frequent bus route into town. London Paddington is just over 20mins by train from the town centre, enabling easy access for great days out in London.

Downstairs is a sunny living room with TV, children's toys & keyboard. The dining room can seat 8, the kitchen is small but functional, (no dishwasher), utility room and an unheated toilet which is fine in the warmer weather! A side door leads out into the garden. Upstairs is the bathroom with a separate toilet, one small single, one large single and a double bedroom. The bed arrangement is a bit flexible, currently sleeps 4-6 if two are young children. They have 2 x cot/toddler beds that can be used if needed in either the single or double room.

The large enclosed garden is mostly laid to lawn with shrubs, veg patch and trees. A large apple tree is good for shade and climbing.... and apples! It's a great garden for sitting in the sunshine and children playing. They have garden chairs, a small table and a gas BBQ. There is a shallow pond which is covered by a safety mesh to stop young children falling in.



The side of the garden is open to the front garden which is only enclosed by a normal latch gate, so young children that like exploring will need watching! Children will be pleased to discover the sandpit, tree swing, trampoline, small slide and Wendy house. They have some sports equipment and garden games (kubb, croquet) which house-swappers are welcome to use. It might be possible to borrow bikes. There is off-road parking.

The 2 Chickens are normally free range but can be shut away in their run if preferred.

The family attend the Newfrontiers Reading Family Church. It is a lively and friendly church with good Bible teaching, a diverse community and a large children and youth work. On Sundays they meet in a school just 3 mins walk from the house. Midweek activities may be less during the school holidays but house-swappers would be very welcome to join in with anything happening.

More info on their website:- [www.readingfamilychurch.org.uk](http://www.readingfamilychurch.org.uk)

Sport and Leisure	Local sports centre with swimming pool, tennis courts, football pitches, gym, badminton etc 5 mins walk round the corner. Good children's playground and large fields at the same location.
Children's play area	Many parks in Reading and close to where they live.
Recommended local places of interest and entertainment	There is lots to do locally and within a short drive. Wellington country park, Nirvana Spa, Coral Reef swimming pool, many sports centres, Dinton pastures, California country park and splash pool, Thames lido, bowling, water sports, woods, lazer tag, Silchester, Reading Abbey ruins, fast train to London, museums, Basildon Park, Beale Wildlife Park, kids soft play, Lagoona Aqua Park, escape rooms, Reading Football Stadium, basketball, theatre, Ikea. County walks, shopping, wide range of restaurants and takeaways.

<https://www.visit-reading.com/>

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-east-and-london/berkshire/reading>

[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g186363-Activities-Reading\\_Berkshire\\_England.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g186363-Activities-Reading_Berkshire_England.html)

<https://www.timeout.com/reading/things-to-do/best-things-to-do-in-reading>



## Bedrooms

