

PERMANENT PART-TIME LIVE-OUT FAMILY COOK

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Salary: £30–£35 per hour

PHS Job 3644

A welcoming family household based in Richmond upon Thames is searching for an experienced, warm and reliable Family Cook on a self-employed basis to prepare everyday meals for the household on a long-term basis.

The property is situated in a highly desirable part of Richmond, known for its green surroundings, excellent local amenities and easy access into central London. The home offers a comfortable, well-equipped kitchen and provides a calm, uninterrupted working environment for a good portion of the day.

The family is seeking a genuine, home-style Family Cook rather than a formally trained chef, with a focus on wholesome, everyday family meals rather than fine dining or entertaining. The successful Cook will typically work independently during the first part of the day, preparing lunch and dinner and leaving food ready on the stove or in the fridge for the family to help themselves throughout the day and evening. No table service is required.

This position would suit a consistent, dependable Cook who takes pride in nourishing home cooking and is comfortable managing their own time and priorities without close supervision. Confidence with grocery shopping and a good understanding of quality, fresh ingredients is important, as the Cook will be responsible for sourcing what is needed for the week's meals.

The preferred schedule is 9am to 2pm across four days per week, either Monday to Thursday or Tuesday to Friday, offering a consistent, structured routine. An after-school Nanny is also present within the household, and the successful Cook should be comfortable liaising with them where relevant to household routines.

Entertaining is only an occasional feature of the role rather than a regular requirement, and there are no formal childcare, pet-care or driving responsibilities attached to this position.

This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced, personable Family Cook seeking a stable, long-term part-time position within a warm and appreciative household that values good, honest cooking and genuine reliability.

Only applicants with a valid right to work in the United Kingdom and who are happy to be self-employed will be considered for this position.

Position Details

Type: Part-Time, Permanent, Live-Out

Engagement Basis: Self-employed

Working Days: Four days per week (Monday–Thursday or Tuesday–Friday)

Working Hours: 9am–2pm, 20 hours per week

Language: Good communicative English is essential, knowledge of Russian would be a bonus

Driving: Beneficial but not essential; on-site parking is available

Cooking Style: Everyday, home-style family cooking; further cuisine and dietary details to be discussed with a successful Cook

Entertaining: Occasional only, around special occasions

Dress Code: Smart-casual, neat and professional

Salary: £30–£35 per hour, depending on experience

Location: Richmond upon Thames, London

Starting Date: September 2026

Duties and Responsibilities

- Preparing wholesome, home-style meals for the family on each working day
- Preparing both lunch and dinner in advance, leaving food ready on the stove or in the fridge
- Cooking familiar family favourites, such as chicken soup and other comforting home dishes
- Ensuring simple protein-based foods are readily available for the children to help themselves to
- Sourcing fresh, good-quality ingredients and ensuring ingredients are on hand for planned meals
- Completing grocery shopping, with a good working knowledge of quality local suppliers
- Keeping the kitchen clean, organised and left in excellent order after use
- Managing own time and priorities independently during the working day
- Occasionally assisting with food for entertaining around special occasions
- Liaising as needed with the household's after-school Nanny regarding routines
- Maintaining consistency and reliability across the agreed working pattern
- Respecting the family's routines, preferences and privacy at all times

Minimum Requirements

- Proven experience as a Family Cook within a private household
- A genuine enjoyment of everyday, home-style family cooking
- Confidence sourcing fresh, high-quality ingredients and managing grocery shopping
- A warm, personable manner alongside strong professional standards
- A proactive, initiative-driven approach, comfortable working independently
- Excellent reliability, punctuality and consistency
- Adaptability and flexibility to adjust to the family's day-to-day needs
- Trustworthiness, integrity and respect for personal boundaries
- Good communicative English
- Valid UK right to work, strong checkable references and a current DBS certificate or willingness to obtain one