PERMANENT FULL-TIME LIVE-OUT HOUSEKEEPER COOK

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SALARY: £45,000 - £55,000 GROSS PER ANNUM, DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE

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An opportunity has arisen for a skilled Housekeeper Cook to undertake the daily upkeep of a well-appointed private residence in South Kensington. The principals are seeking a dependable domestic professional who demonstrates great attention to detail, sound practical judgement, and the ability to manage housekeeping responsibilities independently.

Occupying several floors, the residence requires an organised approach to its maintenance, with particular attention given to the preservation of fine furnishings, specialist finishes, and delicate materials. Responsibilities will extend to garment care, wardrobe management, and the preparation of nutritious family meals, with an emphasis on fresh, uncomplicated home cooking that complements the principals' active lifestyle.

Although the family maintains high standards within its residence, the atmosphere is mostly informal and personable. Discretion, consideration, and an awareness of family life are particularly important, as there is a young child in the household. The appointed professional will work in coordination with existing domestic staff, ensuring continuity of service and assisting with cover during the resident housekeeper's holidays and other periods of absence.

Offered on a daily, non-residential basis, the appointment provides the stability of permanent employment alongside a well-defined working schedule. The property's proximity to several Underground stations and public transport connections makes it readily accessible from surrounding areas of London. Neither driving nor accompanying the principals on their travels forms part of the remit.

The family wishes to establish a lasting professional relationship with a capable Housekeeper Cook who combines excellent domestic skills with a diligent working manner, understands the expectations of private service and takes satisfaction in maintaining a well-cared-for family residence.

Only professionals with a valid right to work in the United Kingdom will be considered for this position.

Position Details

Type: Live-out, full-time, permanent
Working Days: 5 days per week
Working Hours: 40 hours per week, paid lunch break

Language: English
Salary: £45,000 - £55,000 gross per annum, depending on experience
Location: South Kensington, London
Dress Code: Smart casual, clean and presentable; provided by employer
Starting Date: As soon as possible
Employment Basis: Formal Employment

Benefits:

- Attractive annual remuneration reflecting the candidate's experience and capabilities.
- Eligibility for a potential yearly bonus.
- An established weekly timetable with a remunerated lunch interval.
- An annual leave entitlement of 24 days.
- Long-term employment under a formal written agreement.
- An accessible central London workplace with convenient public transport connections.
- The opportunity to work within a cooperative and established domestic staffing structure.
- A daily position without driving commitments or travel obligations.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Undertaking comprehensive daily housekeeping throughout the four-storey residence, ensuring each room receives appropriate attention.
- Overseeing the laundering, pressing, storage and presentation of personal clothing, bed linen and other household textiles.
- Applying suitable products and techniques to preserve valuable furnishings, refined finishes and sensitive surfaces.
- Providing appetising, balanced home cooking suited to the family's everyday dietary preferences.
- Monitoring provisions, replenishing domestic consumables and maintaining orderly kitchen storage.
- Ensuring exemplary hygiene in bathrooms and other frequently used spaces, with particular attention to preventing mineral deposits and maintaining sanitary fixtures.
- Carrying out domestic responsibilities unobtrusively, respecting the principals' privacy and accommodating their schedule.
- Liaising effectively with fellow members of staff and assuming relevant responsibilities during the resident housekeeper's annual leave or other absences.

Minimal Requirements:

- An established professional background in private residential housekeeping or combined housekeeping and cooking appointments.
- The practical culinary ability to produce nutritious meals for daily family dining.
- Previous employment within a private residence occupied by a family with young children.

- Sufficient physical stamina to undertake domestic tasks within a substantial, multi-level property.
- Communicative spoken English, enabling effective communication with employers and colleagues.
- An up-to-date DBS certificate.
- Two outstanding professional references from former private household employers, available for verification.
- Existing legal authorisation to work in the UK.