

AU PAIR OFFER IN BRISTOL - September 2020 -

A little bit about us...

We are a cheerful professional couple (Russell and Usue) with one easy-going 15 month-old toddler in common (Luken) and Russell's 8-year old



son (Seb) who spends 50% of the time with us. Russell is British and works as an aerospace engineer at Airbus. I (Usue) am a Basque living in the UK for the last 9 years, working as a process improvement manager at Amazon. We like spending as much time as possible outside but we also like chilling out at home sometimes. We love food and cooking on a BBQ, going to the city for events and festivals (you will find out that Bristol has a lot to offer in this sense) and we both love DIY/crafts. We also have 2 lovely cats in the house so I hope you are not allergic to them!



We live in the outskirts of Bristol city centre with plenty of things to do and see in the area. The house has a garden to enjoy in spring/summer and warm communal spaces to enjoy in winter. There is a wonderful park nearby, bicycle trails, and easy access to Bristol City Centre by public transport. It is also possible to walk to the city centre (20-25 mins) or to Gloucester Road which is a very important street with independent shops and cafes.

What we are looking for:

We are looking for a responsible, sensible and honest Basque speaking au pair who loves children and is happy to have a new adventure in the United Kingdom in 2020/2021. We are looking for an active person with artistic skills. Experience with children will be taken into account. If you don't master the English language, that would not be a problem for us but we would expect you to have enough so you can communicate with Russell and Seb. We will ensure you have enough free time to attend to classes if you are interested, or to meet up with friends or other au pair colleagues to practice that way.

We are looking for someone to start in September 2020 and preferably will stay with us for the whole school year with potential to extend if both parties agree. The job will only involve looking after Luken. It is very important for us that the communication with Luken is in Basque at all times. We will never ask you to do more than light housework*. The only cooking required will be for yourself when we are not around and some healthy simple lunches for the baby on Mondays and Fridays. We will work with you so to make sure we give the most balanced and healthy food unless you have nutrition knowledge yourself!

A typical week would look like this:

Monday -	8:00 until 5pm – activities with baby. 5pm onwards – Leisure time
Tuesday to Thursday –	Leisure time until 1pm 1pm until 5pm – Pick up from nursery and activities 5pm onwards – Leisure time.
Friday -	8:00 until 2.30pm – activities with baby. 2.30pm onwards – Leisure time.
Weekends/Bank Holidays –	Leisure time

TOTAL FIXED HOURS: 27.5 hrs
FLEXIBLE HOURS (if required): 2.5 hrs

What do we offer:

We would like to set clear guidelines on our expectations from you and how many hours we want you to work. Even though we are not part of the BAPAA (British Au Pair Agencies Association) host families, we do adhere to their policies and guidelines.

We are offering you your own room which has been recently redecorated. It is a well-sized double bedroom with plenty of storage, a large wardrobe and double glazing bay windows with views to the front of the house. It has a TV available, and you will have free access to the internet.



You will have full access to all communal rooms. Food will be available at all times at your own convenience (plenty of fruit, veggies and dairy products are always available) and you are also welcome to keep your own food and we will be happy to make space in the fridge for them. Additionally, we will cook lovely dinners for all the family which we'll be happy for you to join us.

We are also offering to pay local transportation expenses (worth approx. £65/month) and we also have a spare bike that could be used at your own convenience.

We will not ask you to work more than 30 hours a week which includes any evening babysitting required upon agreement. You will never be asked to perform overnight duties. We will never ask you to clean the house or do the laundry for us, only to clean your own mess (and baby's, of course).

Any activities you do with the baby will also be covered (we will define these in a later stage when we know each other and we know what kinds of things you and the baby likes, but these can be from play dates, toddler courses and activities, trips to the zoo/museum, swimming pool...). If you are not familiar with first aid for babies, we would be happy to cover a basic course at the beginning of your placement.

We will ensure you have 20 days off a year plus weekends as well as all bank holidays. Holidays will be mutually agreed at the start of the placement but you will be encouraged to take these days off when we plan family holidays away. Evenings during the week are also leisure time for you, which will make sure you have plenty of time to attend language lessons, meet other au pairs or go to the many events going on in the city centre. There is opportunity to get extra money looking after other children who live nearby (friends of ours who showed interest) in your free time if you desire. We also have connections to meet other au pairs when you are new to the city. As recommended by BAPAA, we will also provide a pocket money weekly for your own expenses and we will pay your monthly travel cost (value £65 for monthly transport pass).

Let us know if you'd like to talk to our current au pair if you have any questions for her.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

**Light housework includes preparing lunches for you and baby, keeping kitchen and common areas tidy, loading/unloading baby's laundry into washing machine, putting baby's washed clothes away, make/changing baby's bedding, everything to do with keeping your own room clean and tidy, and similar.*