

Hello, my name is Chiara Keßel. I'm 15 years old and I'm from Starnberg, a town in the south of Germany. First of all I want to thank you for spending time with reading my letter.

I am looking for a hosting family for a 3 months school exchange to the UK this autumn. I really want to come on an exchange because I want to see and get to know other parts of the world. I have always loved traveling and discovering new people and friendships.

One of my aunts' friends, Kate Unsworth, comes from Wallingford. She is very enthusiastic about this part of the country and has great memories of her old school. Therefore she recommended me to enquire there with my wish to stay in Great Britain for a while.

Wallingford School has already kindly offered me a place for the coming school term from September to December. Therefore I would like to get in contact with a family in, or near Wallingford where I could stay. Of course my family will compensate the host-family.

Now I may introduce myself briefly: My family are my mother, a senior teacher, my father, an engineer for BMW, my brother Felix, 9 and my little sister Marielena, who is 6. I am often babysitting my siblings and my two little cousins, which I like doing.

Starnberg has a great lake on which I do my favourite sport, rowing. I train this about 4-5 times a week with my friends and team mates. In summer there are plenty of competitions which in fact are demanding but I really enjoy time there, also because I always have a lot of fun and happy experiences with friends. Other hobbies of mine are climbing and swimming. I play the guitar and I enjoy listening to music, but I'm not something like a "big music talent". All in all I like to be outside to do different sports and I am very open for trying new hobbies that might be more common in Great Britain. Something else that I could say about me is that I have a healthy lifestyle and I am an adaptable and open-minded person with a good sense of humour.

I'm really looking forward to coming on exchange to the UK because I know I will make new experiences and relationships that will stay in mind. Even though English is one of my favourite subjects I'm sure I'll make a big step forward in my language abilities. And although I've inquired much about the British school system, I'm very curious to witness it in practice.

I also want to experience the feeling of a second family. I'll do my best to be integrated in yours, I just would very much enjoy living in a host family who welcomes me and we can both give each other something. Maybe in exchange of you letting me live in the family and discover British culture I could familiarise you a bit with the German one, I could cook a typical German meal or bake a cake, which I like to do in general.

Of course it would be of advantage if you had a daughter with age round 15 but if this is not the case frankly it is no problem. If you want to know more or have open questions just write a short email to me via my aunt (evapfannes@hotmail.com). Or maybe you know somebody who could be interested in accommodating a 15-year-old friendly student for one term, please let her/him know.

I'm looking forward to a great time with unforgettable experiences and at the moment I'm very, very much hoping that somebody gets in touch.

Big thank in advance,

And kind regards,

Chiara Keßel