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## MOMMA LOVES X JENNY LEWIS GUIDE TO DALSTON #BRINGTHEKIDS



So when Momma Loves asked me for a review of my hood, I couldn't have been happier to get involved. I have to say I LOVE Dalston with a passion and couldn't feel more positive about bringing up my brood in an area with such a noisy, messy and exciting personality. Since I landed in this area, 20 years ago, 2 streets over from where I now live, it immediately felt like home. I have had great neighbours in the 3 streets that I have lived, of mixed generations and cultures but all with the same warm community spirit. The street party a couple of years back cemented these relationships into proper friendships. From the shared house on Middleton Road with jerk chicken every Friday, Red Stripe and a pool table in the garden, to hanging with the kids in the park, I seriously can't imagine living anywhere else. We travel a lot but whenever I see the flats as I drive back into Hackney, I physically sigh with relief to be home.

Anyway, less dreaming and onto some tips for you. Transport is incredibly easy now. Hundreds of buses can be caught from Kingsland Road to anywhere in town. The new overground runs from Haggston/Dalston junction and Dalston Kingsland. Stansted airport is 40 minutes by taxi and City airport even closer. There are so many varied links the best thing to do is use journey planner to plan your route for the day and get an Oyster card.