

Parenting Plan UK

Governed by the Children Act 1989 and Family Procedure Rules 2010

Parties

Parent 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parental Responsibility and Decision-Making

- a. Parental Responsibility for the children shall be shared equally between the parents in accordance with Section 2 of the Children Act 1989.
- b. The parents shall make decisions regarding the children's education, health, and welfare jointly, having regard to the welfare of each child as the paramount consideration.
- c. In the event of a disagreement, the parents shall attempt to resolve the matter through family mediation before making any application to the Family Court.

Child Arrangements Schedule

- a. The parents shall share the children's time on a week-to-week basis, with the handover occurring each Sunday at:
Handover time: _____
- b. Each parent shall have the children for alternating weeks, with the exchange occurring on the agreed day and time set out above.
- c. The parents may agree to vary the arrangements for special occasions, bank holidays, or other events.

Communication and Access

- a. Each parent shall at all times have reasonable access to the children via telephone, email, or text message, and shall facilitate such contact without interference.
- b. The parents shall provide each other with the children's current contact details, including telephone numbers, email addresses, and correspondence addresses.
- c. Each parent shall notify the other promptly of any changes to the children's contact details.

Child Maintenance

- a. Child maintenance shall be calculated and paid in accordance with the Child Maintenance Service (CMS) guidelines under the Child Support Act 1991. Neither parent may contract out of the statutory right to apply to the CMS at any time.

Holidays and Special Occasions

- a. The parents shall alternate public holidays on an even/odd year basis as follows:
 - New Year's Day: Parent 1 in even years, Parent 2 in odd years
 - Easter: Parent 1 in odd years, Parent 2 in even years
 - May Bank Holiday: Parent 2 in odd years, Parent 1 in even years
 - Summer Half-Term: Parent 1 in even years, Parent 2 in odd years
 - August Bank Holiday: Parent 1 in odd years, Parent 2 in even years
 - Halloween / Bonfire Night: Parent 2 in odd years, Parent 1 in even years
 - Christmas: Parent 1 in even years, Parent 2 in odd years
- b. Each parent shall have the children on the children's respective birthdays. The children shall spend Mother's Day with Parent 1 and Father's Day with Parent 2.

Transportation

- a. Each parent shall be responsible for transporting the children during their respective parenting time.

- b. If one parent is unable to transport the children, the other parent shall provide transportation where reasonably practicable.
- c. Where the parents reside more than 100 miles apart, the parent whose parenting time is commencing shall be responsible for collecting the children.

Education and Extracurricular Activities

- a. Each parent shall have the right to participate in the children's education and extracurricular activities and to receive information directly from schools and activity providers.
- b. The parents shall keep each other informed of the children's school timetables, activity schedules, and relevant school communications.
- c. Each parent shall be responsible for transporting the children to and from extracurricular activities during their respective parenting time.

Health Care

- a. The parents shall consult each other regarding the children's health care needs and shall keep the other parent informed of all medical appointments and treatments.
- b. Each parent shall have full access to the children's medical and dental records and may liaise directly with the children's NHS GP, dentist, and other healthcare providers.
- c. Each parent shall ensure the children remain registered with appropriate NHS services and shall cooperate in arranging any necessary healthcare during their respective parenting time.

Dispute Resolution

- a. The parents shall attempt to resolve any disputes arising under this plan through family mediation. If court proceedings become necessary, the applicant must first attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) under the Family Procedure Rules 2010, unless a statutory exemption applies.
- b. If mediation is unsuccessful, either parent may apply to the Family Court for a Child Arrangements Order under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

Modification

- a. This parenting plan may be modified by mutual agreement of both parents at any time.
- b. Any modification must be recorded in writing and signed by both parents before it takes effect.

This is a voluntary private parenting plan intended to reflect the parents' current agreement in the best interests of their children. It is advisable for both parents to seek independent legal advice from a qualified solicitor in England and Wales. If circumstances change, either parent may return to mediation or apply to the Family Court.

Relocation

- a. Each parent shall provide written notice to the other at least 60 days before any planned relocation that would change the children's area of residence.
- b. If the relocation will materially affect the child arrangements schedule or the children's education or extracurricular activities, the parents shall negotiate a modification to this plan.
- c. If the parents are unable to reach agreement regarding the relocation, either parent may apply to the Family Court for determination.

Holiday Time

- a. Each parent shall have the right to two weeks' holiday time with the children per calendar year.
- b. Holiday time shall be agreed and scheduled in advance and shall not interfere with the children's school attendance or extracurricular activities.
- c. The parent taking the children on holiday shall provide the other parent with a written itinerary, including destination, accommodation, and contact details, at least two weeks before the holiday commences.

Grandparent Contact

- a. Each parent shall encourage and facilitate regular contact between the children and their grandparents.
- b. The children's grandparents may request contact with the children, and the parents shall endeavour to accommodate such requests provided they do not conflict with the agreed arrangements or the children's education or activities.
- c. If the parents are unable to reach agreement regarding grandparent contact, either parent may refer the matter to the Family Court for resolution.

Confidentiality

- a. Each parent shall maintain the confidentiality of all information regarding the children, including medical and educational records, unless disclosure is required by law.
- b. Neither parent shall use information about the other parent in a manner that is harmful or detrimental to the children.

Other Provisions

- a. Any further provisions agreed by both parents may be added to this parenting plan by way of a signed written addendum.
- b. This parenting plan supersedes any previous written or verbal agreements between the parents relating to the children's living arrangements and parenting time, but does not supersede any existing Child Arrangements Order of the Family Court.

NOTICE: This is a voluntary private parenting plan. It is not a court order and cannot be directly enforced. To make these arrangements legally binding, the terms must be submitted to the Family Court as a Consent Order (Form C100). If a dispute arises, the applicant must first attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) unless a statutory exemption applies. Both parents are strongly advised to seek independent legal advice from a qualified solicitor in England and Wales.

Signatures

By signing below, both parents confirm that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms of this Parenting Plan.

Parent 1

Signature: _____ Date (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Full Name: _____

Parent 2

Signature: _____ Date (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Full Name: _____

Date of Agreement (DD/MM/YYYY): _____