



## Co-parenting agreement

### DRAFT TEMPLATE

Please note that this agreement is for **guidance only**.

We have provided examples of ways to word and format the agreement.

We recommend you discuss each area of this agreement together with the child's other parent/guardian and ensure that your **child's best interest and well-being is your main priority**.

It is important to **review** your agreement to suit your and your child's needs as situations can change in the future.

If you have any difficulties, please seek legal advice or mediation.

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<https://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/free-advice/legal-advice/#online-flac-ia-form>  
or you can email FLAC here: [flac@toynbeehall.org.uk](mailto:flac@toynbeehall.org.uk)

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## PARENTING AGREEMENT

For

Name(s) of child(ren)

Agreed on

Date

By

Name

(Parent/Guardian 1)

And

Name

(Parent/Guardian 2)

### MAIN LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

#### 1) During the week, our child(ren) will live with:

[Set the times and days child(ren) will spend with each parent/guardian]

- a) Parent/ Guardian 1...
- b) Parent/ Guardian 2...

[Agree on who will accompany child(ren) to school, if there any after-school clubs, who will they spend the weekends with and how often etc]

#### 2) We will communicate with our child(ren):

[Set a routine for other parent/guardian to keep contact with child(ren)]

- a) How often and when
- b) Through which devices [telephone call, video call – Skype etc]

### HANDOVER

#### 1) Our child(ren) will go from one parent/ guardian to the other:

[Agree on how and where child(ren) will be picked up by the other Parent/guardian]

- a) Location / time for handover



b) If Parent/guardian is ill or unable to look after child(ren) we will...

[You should have a third person available to help when necessary, such as grandparents]

c) We must first try to contact each other if these agreements cannot be followed for unexpected reasons

[You may want to state how you need to contact each other – by telephone or through third party]

## **ROUTINES**

[Agree on details of your child(ren)'s existing daily routine and how to continue them]

- 1) Bedtime
- 2) Homework / extra-curricular activities (clubs)
- 3) Behaviour

[These are basic areas we suggest agreeing on – you should include details as needed]



## HOLIDAYS

[How will arrangements be shared between each Parent]

- 1) School half terms
- 2) Religious festivals
- 3) Birthdays / other special events
- 4) Holidays outside the UK [Agree on whether this is possible and how to do it]

## PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 1) Financial arrangements (child maintenance)

[Agree on whether this is needed, who to whom, what amount and how often]

- 2) Medical care

[If your child(ren) has particular medical needs, you should address how to approach it together, arrange a routine for the parent/guardian responsible for medication and doctor check-ups, any decisions on surgeries etc.]

- 3) Religion

[Decide if and how religion will be practiced at home, whether education is needed and how religious events will be spent between the parents/ guardians]

- 4) Social media

[How will you regulate your child(ren)'s usage of social media? What about yours? Are you happy for the other parent/ guardian to post pictures of your child(ren) on their social media accounts?]

- 5) Any other important factors you need to discuss and agree on

## NEW PARTNERS

[Consider when and how new partners will be introduced in child(ren) life and how they will be involved in their lifestyle following the parenting agreement]

## EMERGENCY



[Decide on another person that can step in when either parent cannot follow through agreements due to unexpected reasons e.g. illness. This can be a grandparent or an adult the child(ren) are familiar with]

**AGREEMENTS:**

- 1) We agree to keep our child(ren)'s well-being and safety as our main priority
- 2) We accept that each of us may have different parenting styles which need to be respected
- 3) We agree to communicate with each other if we think that the agreement is not suitable
- 4) We will resolve the issues by legal advice and mediation before seeking any court orders
- 5) We will review this agreement on ....

[These are important principles we advise you to agree on]

Signed by

Name:

Name:

Date:

Date: