

# Parenting Agreement

For

Name(s) of child(ren)

Agreed on

Date

By

Name of mother  
(Mother)

and

Name of father  
(Father)

***“The aim of this agreement is to put in place an arrangement for parenting our child(ren) that will benefit them over their childhood and enable them to be close to each of us.”***

# **PARENTING AND CARE ARRANGEMENTS**

## **Our child(ren) will live with their mum as follows:**

The times and days that your child(ren) will routinely spend with their mum.

## **Our child(ren) will live with their dad as follows:**

The times and days that your child(ren) will routinely spend with their dad.

## **Within this arrangement we agree that there will be flexibility as follows:**

Any flexibility that is agreed.

## **Other people who will look after our child(ren) are:**

The names of others who will routinely look after your child(ren).

## **If a parent is ill and cannot care for our child(ren) we will:**

The way you will deal with parental illness.

## **When our child(ren) are/is in our care, we will undertake to communicate as follows:**

What you agree to be important information and how you will communicate it to each other.

## **When our child(ren) are/is in our care, they will communicate with their other parent as follows:**

How and when your child(ren) will communicate with their other parent.

## **The rules around care for our child(ren) are:**

The basic rules that you have agreed about issues such as bedtime, homework and behaviour etc.

# **HOLIDAYS AND OTHER SPECIAL TIMES**

## **Holidays**

How you will deal with holidays including issues such as not obstructing the other parent's wish to take your child(ren) on holiday, how much notice you will give, how you will amend the care pattern, whether your child(ren) will spend time with the parent that they are not holidaying with before and after the time away etc.

## **Special days**

How you will deal with special days such as your child(ren)'s birthdays, your own birthdays, mothers' day, fathers' day etc.

### **Religious festivals**

Your arrangements for religious festivals such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Gurpurbs, Eid al-Fitr, Ganesh Chaturthi etc.

### **Passports**

Who will be responsible for holding the child(ren)'s passport(s), agreement not to withhold etc.

## **HEALTH AND EDUCATION**

### **Health Issues**

Which GP and dentist the child(ren) will be registered with, who will take your child(ren) to medical appointments (eg the parent with whom the child is living when the appointment falls), how you will contact each other in cases of emergency etc.

### **Communicating with schools and Nurseries**

How you will inform the child(ren)'s schools and nurseries that you are operating a shared parenting arrangement, how you will ensure that schools know who has Parental Responsibility and what that means in terms of their responsibility to communicate with each of you, whether you will attend parents evening or other special events together etc.

## **MONEY**

### **General**

Who will be responsible for purchasing items like school uniforms, weekend and holiday clothes, expensive items such as shoes and coats, the cost of expensive school trips etc.

### **Child Maintenance**

Your child maintenance agreement including whether there will be a transfer of money, who will pay who, how much and when, the items of expenditure it is intended to cover etc.

## **NEW PARTNERS**

In the event that either of us meets someone that we would like to form a relationship with we will follow these rules.

### **Telling each other**

How and when you will tell each other.

## **Telling our child(ren)**

How and when you will tell your child(ren).

## **Other**

Additional agreements such as an undertaking to use non parenting time for relationships with new partners, working together to deal with your child(ren)'s reactions, agreements not to ask your child(ren) to call new partners 'mum' or 'dad' but to help them to understand that new people can be significant in their lives without replacing parental roles.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT**

### **We agree to review the effectiveness of this agreement on:**

You may wish to agree a date, some time in the future, when you will review how well the agreement is working.

### **If either party believes that this agreement is breaking down, we will resolve the issues by:**

How you will resolve disputes of the workings of the agreement.

### **If either party wishes to vary this agreement, we will:**

How you will agree any variations either of you wishes to make.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_