

FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PARENTING PROMPT SHEET



LIVING **ARRANGEMENTS:**

- With whom will each child live? *Mum / Dad*
- How much time will each child spend with each parent?
- How will alternative supervision be arranged?
- Arrangements for the children to have contact with other important people in their lives *e.g.: Grandparents*



COMMUNICATION:

- Parent to parent regarding parenting/urgency
- Children's communication with the non-residential parent? *Time/ methods*
- Parent's communication with the children
- Who will meet the financial responsibilities for: the mobile phones for the children, plan/cards?



EDUCATION:

- the children's current/future needs for schooling?
- What type of school parents wish for the children?
Private/Public/religious/nondenominational
- Who/how the financial responsibilities be met for: fees/ uniforms/school/sport shoes/books/teaching aids/school projects materials/laptops/iPad/PC, ongoing subscriptions for software/apps/excursions/ext racurricular activities/afterschool care/tutoring?
- Parents' level of involvement in school activities?
- Will both parents attend parent/teacher interviews?
- How will parents organise communication about/from the children's school?
- How will additional educational current/future needs be decided?



ACTIVITIES:

- How will parents facilitate children's participation in their activities?
- Who/How will the financial responsibilities for those activities be met?
- How will parents communicate regarding children's current/future activities?



CHANGEOVERS:

- Will the children's belonging be shared between the households?
- Information as to the children's' clothing needed for particular activities (*swimming/hiking/biking/other*)
- Management of children's clothing during changeover (*repairs/washing/replacement*)
- How will homework, assignments and projects be managed during changeovers?



HEALTH:

- How will parents meet the health needs of the children? Special needs? *Short/long term*
- Pre-existing illnesses of the children's/parents?
- Who/how will bear the costs associated with health care? Private health insurance/alternative medical treatments?
- Will the children use the same GP/Medical Service/ Dentist/Optometrlist?
- How parents communicate with each other regarding health of the children? Urgency?



TRANSPORT:

- How are the children transported between homes/schools/activities and other venues during the changeovers?
- What mode of transport will be used? *Private/Public*



HOLIDAYS:

- How will costs of transport be paid if significant?
- Arrangements for special days?
 - Christmas/Easter Day
 - Other religious days and celebrations
 - Children's/Parents' birthdays
 - Mother's/Father's Day
 - Other significant days eg. family birthdays/weddings/funerals
- How will holidays be arranged?
 - School holidays
 - Overseas holiday with a parent/another significant person
- How much notice must be given to each other?
- How will costs related to these issues be met?



WELLBEING/DISCIPLINE:

- Differences in values and styles of parenting?
- How the children's wellbeing will be safeguarded by the parents?



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

- How will parents share financial support for the child in the short/long term
 - Day to day/period costs
 - Pocket money/unexpected costs
- Will Child Support payments be considered?
- Annual increases of financial support for the children's changing needs?
- Education Fund/Trust Fund?



DECISIONS:

- What decisions require joint consultations?

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- Should the children be included in these conversations?
- How will future disputes be resolved? *Mediation?*



LEGAL ISSUES:

- Was legal advice obtained regarding the FDR process?
- Will these agreements be lodged in court as consent orders? How?
- Who is responsible for paying court/legal fees?
- Do parents' wills have to be amended in the event of both parents' deaths?



IF YOU CAN AGREE:

- a good will agreement
- parenting plan
(dated/signed & consulted with lawyers)



IF YOU DON'T AGREE:

- section 60I certificate from a registered FDRP is needed to

apply to the Family Court for a parenting order



REFERRALS:

- The Legal Aid NSW
<https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/>
Free legal helpline
1300 888 529
- Mind Health
Free counselling
1300 029 131
<https://mindhealth.org.au/phone-and-online-counselling/>



WEBSITES:

- Family Relationships
Share the Care – Parenting Plan
https://relationships.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Share-the-care_Edition4_2016.pdf
- Family Court of Australia

RESOLUTION IS CREATED BY EMPLOYING CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

NOTES:

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