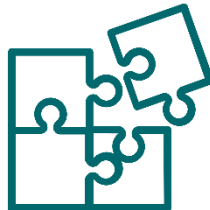




CHILD ARRANGEMENTS

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What are child arrangements?

Child arrangements incorporate everything agreed by parents in respect to their children during their divorce or separation. This can include, ensuring that both parents have access to the children and who will be the primary day to day carer.

What is Family Mediation?

In most cases mediation is required when parents and families are unable to reach an agreement by themselves. Mediation means both parents will be making the decisions but will be guided by an impartial professional who will work with you both to find the best solution for your children. It is important to note that Mediation is not relationship counselling, it is merely there to agree how you will look after your children moving forward. It is also a misconception that anything agreed is automatically legally binding, for it to become legally binding a consent order would need to be submitted to the Court.

How can we help?

Our Family lawyers are experienced in helping parents make arrangements for children following the breakdown of a relationship. We will make sure that everyone involved understands their legal rights and responsibilities whilst ensuring that the views of you and your children are considered.

Deciding the arrangements for your children can be very stressful and choosing and working with your Lawyer should not add to that stress. We offer an experienced and competitive service with Lawyers who can take you through each stage of the process. We believe that it is important to be upfront regarding our charges and disbursements that regularly apply (subject to our Client Care Policy and Terms of Business) and have broken it down into six stages.

Stage One > Receiving instructions and advising, referral to Mediation and relevant correspondence is chargeable on a time spent basis. Please note that there are fees for Mediation depending on your income, and fees for obtaining a MAIM certificate to make an application to Court.

Stage Two > Preparation of application for Child Arrangements Order.

Stage Three > Dispute Resolution Hearing.

Stage Four > If matters are not resolved and a contested hearing becomes necessary preparation of statement and trial bundles.

Stage Five > Instructing a Barrister and preparing case for final hearing.

Stage Six > Attendance of Final Hearing and reporting.

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Tips to reduce the upset to your children

Parents separating can be traumatic to children. It may even have come as a surprise to them, especially if you kept any disagreements behind closed doors.

The following are some tips on how to reduce the upset to your children when separating.

Try to both co-operate over issues relating to your children.

Try and agree arrangements where both parents remain actively involved.

Never criticise your former partner in front of the children.

Clearly and often tell your children that you love them.

Try to both co-operate over issues relating to your children.

Listen to your children and be understanding.

Agree behavior in front of children.

Treat your former partner with respect in front of the children.

Common misconceptions

- The Courts will not favor a parent based on their gender i.e., the mother. Both parents will be considered equally, and the decision will be based on the child's best interests.
- You do not have to go to Court in order to see your children. It will be taken to Court if the child arrangements cannot be agreed via one of the alternative routes like Mediation or Arbitration.
- Children do not get to choose. Though children can have a say in their arrangements, depending on age and the manner in which the arrangements are agreed, the final decision will always be based on the best interests of the child.
- Paying child maintenance does not automatically give you the right to see the child. This will depend on the child arrangements agreed.

We are local

We invite you to come and talk through your requirements during your face-to-face appointment - that's the nice thing about being local. If you're not able to make it into our office, we can also accommodate telephone and video appointments.

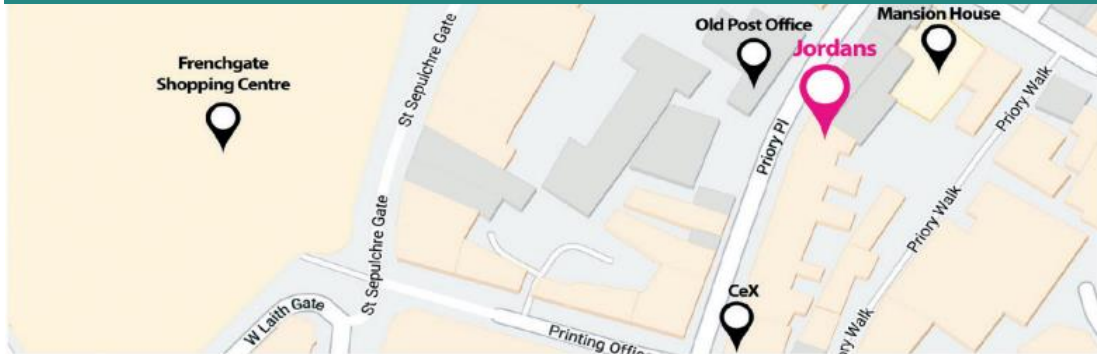
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