
CHILD ARRANGEMENTS



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01 THE LEGAL TEST: THE WELFARE PRINCIPLE

Child arrangements focus on securing stability, routine, and emotional wellbeing for children. This guide explains how decisions are made — whether through agreement, mediation, or court.

The court's primary consideration is the child's best interests.

Judges look at:

1. Emotional needs
 2. Stability
 3. Schooling
 4. Relationship with each parent
 5. Wishes and feelings (age-dependent)
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02 PARENTING PLANS

A well-crafted parenting plan covers:

1. Weekly routine
2. Weekends
3. Holidays
4. Travel arrangements
5. Communication
6. Costs (travel, clubs, clothing)



03 ROUTES TO AGREEMENT

1. Direct discussions
2. Solicitor negotiation
3. Mediation

A MIAM is compulsory unless exempt.

4. Court (C100 application)

Used when agreement is impossible.

04 COURT ORDERS

Orders may include:

1. Child Arrangements Orders
 2. Prohibited Steps Orders
 3. Specific Issue Orders
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05 ENFORCEMENT

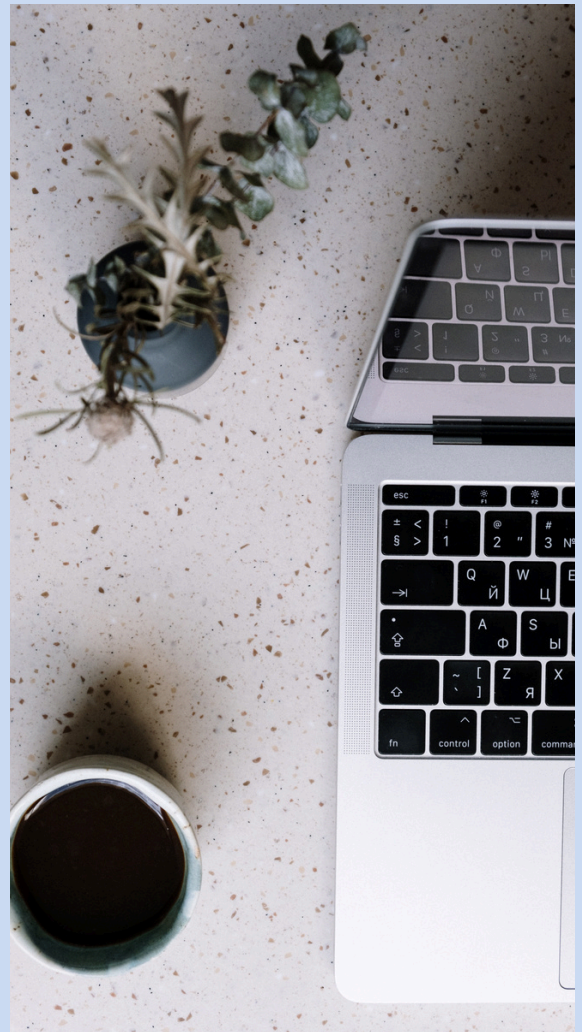
Breaches can lead to:

1. Warning notices
 2. Community penalties
 3. Variation of the order
 4. Transfer of residence (serious cases)
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KEY QUESTIONS

1. What schedule works best for the children?
2. What practical issues do we need to resolve?
3. Is court necessary?
4. Will this arrangement last long-term?



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