

The Parenting Plan

Progress Summary

This part of the plan is to help you to make a record of your plan and tell the judge at the family court what you have agreed and what you have not agreed. You can tell the judge where you need more help.

The judge at the family court will expect you to have tried hard to make your own agreement, before you apply to court, by using mediation or other dispute resolution services.

The judge at the family court will ask you to show that you have done all that you can to work together.

You do not have to have a court order to make arrangements for your child(ren); a clear agreement can be more effective for everyone. If you have problems with the plan in the future, a judge may look at this agreement to see what you decided.

If you make an agreement through mediation (sometimes known as a Memorandum of Understanding) you can ask the court to make this legally binding if both parents agree.

You must attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) before applying to court unless there is a recognised exemption– please see:

www.justice.gov.uk/courts/mediation



What we have agreed

We have agreed about communication

We have made progress with our communication plan and are seeking further help – from dispute resolution services/skills development

We need a court to help us to decide the following:

We have agreed about childcare arrangements

We have made progress with our child arrangements plan and are seeking further help – from dispute resolution services/skills development

We need a court to help us to decide the following:

We have agreed about money and the children

We have made progress with our money and the children plan and are seeking further help – from dispute resolution services/skills development

We need a court to help us to decide the following:



We have agreed about education

We have made progress with our education plan and are seeking further help – from dispute resolution services/skills development

We need a court to help us to decide the following:

We have agreed about other issues

We have made progress with our plan for other issues and are seeking further help – from dispute resolution services/skills development

We need a court to help us to decide the following:


