

# Parenting Agreement

This **Parenting Agreement** ("**Agreement**") is entered into by and between \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Parent 1**") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Parent 2**") (each a "**Parent**" and together the "**Parents**").

This Agreement sets out the Parents' mutual understanding regarding the care, parenting arrangements, and responsibilities for their child(ren). It is intended to promote stability, cooperation, and the best interests of the child(ren).

## 1. Purpose and Nature of Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish clear and practical parenting arrangements following the Parents' separation. This Agreement reflects the Parents' shared intentions and expectations regarding parenting responsibilities and decision-making.

Unless expressly stated otherwise, this Agreement is intended as a parenting framework and does not, by itself, alter any legal rights or obligations established by law or court order.

## 2. Child(ren) Covered by This Agreement

This Agreement applies to the following child(ren):

Child's Full Name	Date of Birth

## 3. Guiding Principles

The Parents agree that:

- The child(ren)'s physical, emotional, and developmental well-being is the primary consideration.
- Both Parents should support the child(ren)'s relationship with the other Parent.
- Parenting decisions should be made respectfully, cooperatively, and in good faith.
- The child(ren) should be protected from parental conflict.

#### 4. Legal Custody and Decision-Making

The Parents agree to joint legal decision-making responsibility. Major decisions affecting the child(ren), including education, non-emergency medical care, mental health treatment, and religious upbringing, shall be made as joint decision-making. The Parents will consult with one another and attempt to reach mutual agreement.

#### 5. Physical Custody and Parenting Time

##### Regular Parenting Schedule

The child(ren) shall reside with each Parent according to the following schedule:

Weekdays:

Weekends:

Overnights:

##### Exchange Arrangements

Exchanges shall take place at \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### 6. Holidays and Special Occasions

The Parents agree to the following holiday and special occasion schedule, which shall take priority over the regular parenting schedule:

Holiday / Occasion	Parenting Arrangement
New Year's Day	
School Holidays	
Child's Birthday	
Mother's/Father's Day	
Other Holidays	

## 7. Vacations and Travel

Each Parent may take the child(ren) on vacation during their parenting time, subject to the following:

- Advance written notice of \_\_\_\_\_ days shall be provided for travel exceeding \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- Travel details, including destination and contact information, shall be shared.
- International travel, if permitted, requires written consent from the other Parent.

## 8. Communication with the Child(ren)

- Each Parent may have reasonable communication with the child(ren) during the other Parent's parenting time.
- Communication methods may include phone calls, video calls, or messaging, conducted at reasonable times.
- Neither Parent shall interfere with or monitor communications.

## 9. Communication Between Parents

The Parents agree to communicate respectfully and directly regarding parenting matters.

- Preferred communication method: \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-urgent matters should be addressed within a reasonable timeframe.
- The Parents shall avoid using the child(ren) as messengers.

## 10. Education

The child(ren) shall attend \_\_\_\_\_, unless otherwise agreed.

Both Parents shall have access to educational records, school communications, and school events. Each Parent shall support school attendance and educational responsibilities during their parenting time.

## 11. Financial Responsibilities

This Agreement is intended to address parenting arrangements only and does not establish, replace, or modify any child support obligation imposed by law or court order. Each Parent remains responsible for the child(ren)'s ordinary living expenses during their respective parenting time. The Parents agree to share responsibility for reasonable child-related expenses, which may include health care costs, educational expenses, childcare, extracurricular activities, and other agreed necessities, in a manner that is fair and proportionate to their circumstances or as otherwise agreed in writing. The Parents shall communicate in advance regarding significant expenses and make reasonable efforts to reach agreement before incurring costs that affect both parties.

## 12. Health Care

Each Parent may make day-to-day medical decisions during their parenting time. Emergency medical decisions may be made by either Parent, with prompt notification to the other Parent.

The Parents shall share relevant medical information and records.

## 13. Relocation

Neither Parent shall permanently relocate the child(ren)'s primary residence without reasonable prior notice and good faith discussion with the other Parent.

## 14. Dispute Resolution

If a disagreement arises concerning this Agreement, the Parents agree to attempt resolution through discussion and cooperation before seeking external assistance or legal action.

## 15. Modification of Agreement

This Agreement may be modified only by a written document signed by both Parents, unless modification is required by law or court order.

## 16. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in effect to the fullest extent permitted.

## 17. Entire Agreement

This document represents the complete understanding between the Parents regarding parenting arrangements and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements on this subject.

By signing below, each Parent acknowledges that they have read, understood, and voluntarily agreed to the terms of this Parenting Agreement.

**Parent 1**

**Name**

**Date**

**Signature**

**Parent 2**

**Name**

**Date**

**Signature**



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