Parenting Plan

This Parenting Plan is made by and between the folowing parties;

Parent 1

Parent 2

This Parenting Plan is intended to record the mutual intentions, agreements, and understandings of the parties concerning the parenting arrangements for the minor child named below and is made pursuant to the best interests of the child principle, recognising the importance of the child maintaining meaningful relationships with both parents while ensuring the child's safety, welfare and developmental needs are adequately met.

Parties know and accept that this Parenting Plan is not, of itself, legally enforceable as an order of the court but may be presented to a court as evidence of the parties' intentions and agreement.

1. Child(ren) Subject to the Parenting Plan

This Plan relates to the following child(ren);

2. Primary Residence and Living Arrangements

It is agreed that the Child shall reside primarily with , who shall be regarded as the residential parent for the purposes of school enrolment, health records, and residential correspondence unless and until the parties otherwise agree in writing.

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The parties further agree that the non-residential parent shall have substantial and significant time with the Child, and such time shall include weekdays, weekends, holidays, and special occasions in accordance with the schedule annexed hereto as Schedule A, which forms part of this Parenting Plan.

Each parent undertakes to ensure that the Child is prepared and available for all changeovers and handovers at the agreed time and location and shall act in a manner that promotes a smooth, conflict-free transition between households.

3. Allocation of Responsibilities and Major Decisions

The parties acknowledge and agree that they shall have equal shared parental responsibility for the Child, and that they are each entitled and obligated to participate in making decisions regarding major long-term issues affecting the Child's life.

The term "major long-term issues" shall include, without limitation:

- Decisions concerning the Child's education, including choice of school and participation in special programs;
- Decisions concerning the Child's religious and cultural upbringing and practices;
- Decisions concerning the Child's health, including medical, dental, and mental health treatment of a significant nature (excluding routine appointments);
- Decisions relating to the Child's name or identity documents;
- Any change to the Child's living arrangements that makes it significantly more difficult for the Child to spend time with the other parent.

The parties agree that prior to any major long-term decision being made unilaterally, the parent proposing the decision shall notify the other parent in writing of the nature of the decision, provide all relevant information and documentation, and offer a reasonable opportunity (no less than seven (7) days, unless the matter is urgent) to consider and respond to the proposal.

If agreement is not reached following consultation, the parties shall proceed in good faith to the dispute resolution procedures as set out in Clause 7 of this Plan before taking any further steps or applying to the court.

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4. Communication an Information Sharing

Both parents shall maintain respectful, constructive, and child-focused communication with one another concerning any matter relevant to the care, welfare, and development of the Child.

Each parent shall ensure that the other parent is kept informed of matters affecting the Child, including but not limited to:
Enrolment in or transfer to a new school or educational institution;
Significant illnesses, injuries, or psychological conditions;
Any proposed overseas or interstate travel involving the Child;
Participation in religious, cultural, sporting, or extracurricular activities.

Each parent shall have equal and unimpeded access to the Child's school reports, medical records, passports, and other important documents, and shall be entitled to communicate directly with teachers, healthcare providers, and other professionals involved in the Child's life.

5. Relationship with Other Significant Persons

The parties agree to encourage and support the Child in maintaining meaningful and continuing relationships with other persons of significance in the Child's life, including but not limited to:

- Siblings and half-siblings (if any);
- Grandparents on both maternal and paternal sides;
- Aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family members;
- Any step-parents or long-term domestic partners of either party, where appropriate.

Where a new partner or person becomes significantly involved in the Child's day-to-day life, the parties agree to communicate about the matter in a respectful and non-confrontational manner, prioritising the Child's adjustment, comfort, and well-being.

6. Relocation

Neither parent shall relocate the primary residence of the Child to a location that is more than _____ kilometres away from the Child's current residence without first obtaining the written consent of the other parent or an order of the court.

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In the event that relocation is proposed, the proposing parent shall provide the other parent with no less than sixty (60) days' written notice and detailed information regarding the intended relocation, including the reasons, address, schooling arrangements, and proposed time arrangements with the other parent.

7. Dispute Resolution Procedure

In the event that relocation is proposed, the proposing parent shall provide the other parent with no less than sixty (60) days' written notice and detailed information regarding the intended relocation, including the reasons, address, schooling arrangements, and proposed time arrangements with the other parent.

The parties shall, in the first instance, attempt to resolve the matter amicably and directly through good-faith communication. If direct negotiation fails, the parties agree to participate in family mediation with an accredited practitioner or mediator.

Neither party shall initiate proceedings in a family court in relation to parenting matters unless all reasonable steps to resolve the matter through the agreed dispute resolution processes have been attempted.

8. Review and Modification of This Plan

The parties acknowledge that the needs and circumstances of the Child may change over time, and as such, this Parenting Plan shall be subject to review and, if appropriate, modification.

Either parent may initiate a review of this Plan by providing the other with written notice outlining the reasons for the proposed review, whereupon the parties shall meet (in person, virtually, or with legal representatives) within _____ days to discuss and negotiate any required amendments.

Any amendment or variation to this Plan shall be recorded in writing and signed by both parties, and shall be annexed hereto as a formal variation.

9. General Provisions

Both parties shall act in the best interests of the Child at all times and shall not involve the Child in adult disputes, nor speak negatively about the other parent in the presence of the Child.

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Each parent shall encourage the Child's positive relationship with the other parent and shall not, by words or conduct, denigrate or undermine the Child's bond with the other parent.

The parties agree that they shall not remove the Child from the country of residence without the express written consent of the other parent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, and shall provide reasonable notice, itineraries, and emergency contact details when international travel is proposed.

10. Parenting Time Schedule

Detailed parenting time schedule is as follows;

This Parenting Plan is made voluntarily by the parties, free from duress or undue influence, and is intended to promote the Child's stability, safety, and well-being.

Parent 1

Name

Date

Signature

Parent 2

Name

Date

Signature

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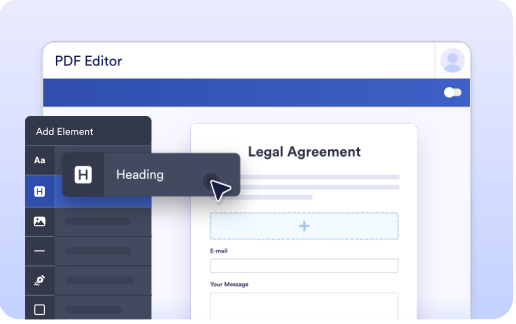

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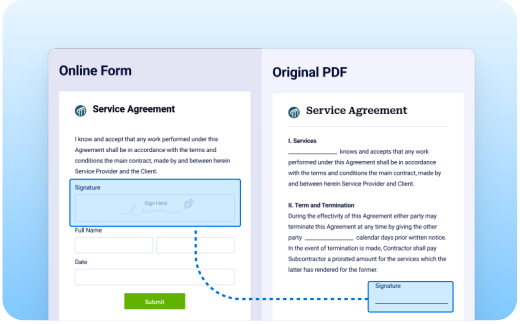

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