

- 1. Any principles and values relating to our joint parenting after separation which we agree will enhance our child(ren's) emotional wellbeing and adjustment.**
- 2. Live with and spend time with arrangements for our child(ren);**
 - Time spent with each parent
 - How flexible and/or certain should the arrangements be
 - Notice to each other if changes need to occur
 - Other considerations
- 3. Education;**
 - Current needs and future needs
 - Type of school
 - Involvement of each parent
 - Homework
 - Other considerations
- 4. Health Care;**
 - Any special health needs – will responsibility be shared?
 - Procedures in case of emergency
- 5. Religious Observance**
- 6. Holidays, Birthdays (child(ren's) and parents), Christmas and other special days.**
- 7. Our Child(ren's) sporting, cultural and other activities outside school;**
 - Our involvement as parents
 - Involvement of child(ren)
 - Travel - passports
- 8. Transportation;**
 - Between homes
 - Other activities
- 9. Telephone or written communication – when and how?**
- 10. Financial Support;**
 - How will everyday costs and periodic costs be shared?
 - On what basis will we decide the level of child support, if any?
 - Will the Child Support Agency Assessment affect us or be taken into account?
 - Education Costs (uniforms, camps, books etc)
 - Health care costs (insurance, prescriptions, dental work)
 - Extraordinary costs
 - CPI increases

11. Housekeeping Issues:

- Any sharing and washing of clothes
- Will any of the child(ren's) belongings be shared between homes?
- Presents – joint or separate
- Other practical issues

12. Spending time with Extended Family (maternal & paternal):

- How important is the maintenance of extended family contact on both sides of the family with our child(ren)?
- If yes, any arrangements to ensure this?

13. Ongoing Decision Making and Parental Consultation:

- What do we consider are basic *day to day* decisions?
- What are the *major* decisions which would require joint consultation?
- What access to school and medical records should each parent have?
- If we disagree about a major area of parenting will we seek assistance to resolve this (i.e. mediation/counselling) in the first instance?
- Do we want regular meetings or ad-hoc meetings regarding our child(ren's) welfare? If so, where would we meet and how often?
- Would written communication be appropriate at any time? Eg. email
- Should our child(ren) be consulted and/or involved in any way in our decisions concerning them? What benefits and/or concerns are associated for us with involving our children?

14. Naming:

- Are there any circumstances where we would consider renaming the child(ren)?
What are our views?

15. Any other areas we feel should be discussed?

16. Review of Parenting Arrangements:

- Should these plans be reviewed? If so, how often?
- What circumstances would prompt re-negotiation?

17. In case of either of our deaths:

- Do we want to consider what our wishes are for the continued nurture of our child(ren)?