

Guidance for Separated Parents Policy

Policy Statement

It is the case at Longleaze School that some of our children's parents are separated. We recognise that this can be a difficult situation and our main aim is not to put any additional stress on the children concerned. The child is our main priority and we hope parents will make every effort to recognise this and support us and their child.

This guidance will apply unless the school is made aware of any Court Orders in place and has a copy of the documentation as confirmation. Parents and partners may need to check on who has official parental responsibility and provide evidence of this. We will ask for sight of a child's birth certificate on joining the school to confirm parental responsibility.

Parental responsibility

This requires you to ensure that your child receives the best care possible within the family unit. Parental responsibility means:

- Providing your child with a name
- Offering a secure and safe home
- Providing your child with good discipline
- Playing an active role in their education
- Deciding how your child receives medical attention
- Nominating a guardian for your child, if necessary

School responsibility

It should be noted that Longleaze School will:

- Give access to formal documentation, such as reports, to both parents
- Send routine school information, such as school trips, to the parent with whom the child lives. In the case of shared access, this will be sent to the parent with whom the child lives for the majority of the time.
- Need to be informed through the contacts sheet as to the people we may call on in the event of an accident or emergency; these will be called in the sequence recorded on the sheet.

