

Statement of arrangements for children

To be completed by the parties	
Name of court	Case No. (if known)
Name of Petitioner	
Name of Respondent	

To the Petitioner

You must complete this form if you or the Respondent have any children under 16 or any children under 18 who are at school or college or are training for a trade, profession or vocation.

The Petitioner is only required to complete Parts 1, 2, 3 and the Statement of Truth. Please use **black ink and BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Before you issue a divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or nullity petition try to reach an agreement with your spouse or civil partner over the proposals for the children's future. There is space for them to sign at the end of this form if agreement is reached.

If your spouse/civil partner does not agree with the proposals, they will have the opportunity at a later stage to state why they do not agree and will be able to make their own proposals.

You should take or send the completed form together with a copy to the court when you issue your divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or nullity petition.

To the Respondent

The Petitioner has completed Part 1, 2 and 3 of this form.

Please read all parts of the form carefully.

If you agree with the arrangements and proposals for the children you should sign Part 4 of the form. If completing this form by hand, please use **black ink and BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS** and tick the boxes that apply. You should return the form to the Petitioner or their solicitor.

If you do not agree with all or some of the proposals, **do not sign this form**. You will be given the opportunity of explaining your position when you receive the divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or nullity petition.

To the Petitioner and Respondent

If you wish to apply for any of the orders which may be available to you under Part I or II of the Children Act 1989 please see leaflet CB1 'Making an application - children and the family courts'. If you are unsure of which application you require, you are advised to see a solicitor or go to a Citizens Advice Bureau.

Addresses of solicitors and advice agencies can be obtained from the Yellow Pages and the Solicitors' Regional Directory which can be found at Citizens Advice Bureaux, Law Centres and any local library.

The Court will only make an order if it considers that an order will be better for the child(ren) than no order.

Part 1 Details of the children

1. Are the details of the children as stated in Part 7 of the divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or nullity petition correct?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please give further information in the box below

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Part 2 Arrangements for the children of the family

Please give details for each child, if arrangements are different. If necessary, continue on another sheet and attach it to this form.

Living arrangements

2. Where and with whom do the children live?

Name of child(ren)	Resides with	At address

3. Is this arrangement agreed by both the Petitioner and Respondent?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please give details in the box below.

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4. What are the contact arrangements between the child(ren) and the non-resident parent?

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5. Have you (the Petitioner) and Respondent agreed to these contact arrangements?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please give details in the box below.

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6. Who will care for the child(ren) on a day to day basis?

7. Have you (the Petitioner) and Respondent agreed to who will care for the child(ren) on a daily basis?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please give details in the box below.

Education

8. Give the name(s) of the school, college or place of training attended by the child(ren).

Name of child	Name of school, college or place of training

9. Will there be any change in these arrangements as a result of your divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or annulment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details in the box below (include any changes to payment of school fees).

10. Do any of the children have any special educational needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details in the box below.

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Details of health

11. Are the children generally in good health and do not have any special health needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please give details of any serious disability, chronic illness, or the care needed and how it is to be provided, in the box below.

12. Do any of the children have any special health needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details of the care needed and how it is to be provided, in the box below.

Details of care and other court proceedings

13. Are the children in the care of the local authority, or under the supervision of a social worker or probation officer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details in the box below. Please include information about any current proceedings in the youth or family courts.

14. Are any of the children the subject of a Child Protection Plan?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details in the box below, including the name of the local authority and the date of registration.

15. Are there, or have there been, any proceedings in any court involving the children, for example;

- a) residence or contact proceedings?
- b) care or supervision?
- c) adoption or wardship?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details in the box below and attach a copy of any order(s) which you have.

- ☐ A maintenance calculation has been made under the Child Support Act 1991, or, an application has been made for a maintenance calculation, but it has not yet been determined, and the details are as follows:

- ☐ The following agreement has been reached in relation to child maintenance:

- ☐ No agreement has been reached and no application has been made for a maintenance calculation.

16. Are there, or have there been, any proceedings in any court which may impact on the children, for example non-molestation orders, or criminal proceedings relating to domestic violence?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please give details in the box below.

Part 3 To the Petitioner

Mediation

17. If you are not agreed as to the arrangements for the children, are you intending to:

- seek to resolve matters with the Respondent directly?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

- propose the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution such as mediation?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, would you agree to do so?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

- make an application to the court?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this statement of arrangements for children are true

Print full name

Signed

(Petitioner)

Dated

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Proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against a person who makes or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth.

Part 4 Agreement of Respondent

☐ I agree with the arrangements and proposals contained in Part 1 and 2 of this form.

☐ I do not agree with the arrangements and proposals contained in Part 1 and 2 of this form.

If you do not agree would you be prepared to see a mediator?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed

(Respondent)

Dated

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