



PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Children Act 1989 acknowledges the fact that parents do not always live at the same address as their children.

The Act says that it is best for children if they are brought up by their family. 'Family' includes the people the child lives with as well as people with parental responsibility who live elsewhere.

The following people have parental responsibility:-

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| Married Parents | Automatically |
| Mothers of non marital children | Automatically |
| Fathers of non marital children | By court order on his application |
| | By formal agreement with mother |
| | By being appointed guardian |
| Guardian | By court order |
| | By appointment in writing or will |
| Adoptive Parents | Automatically with adoption |
| Parents of children in care | Share parental responsibility with local authority |
| Other person with whom the child lives | By court order |

Divorce or separation does **not** affect parental responsibility unless the court makes an order. The court will **not** make an order unless it is better for the child to do so than not to do so.

Parental responsibility can only be **lost** by court order or adoption.

All people with parental responsibility must be treated equally. This means that they are all entitled to reports, invitations to parents' meetings etc. Schools must, therefore, keep up to date records of all people with parental responsibility, as well as any court orders relating to the child (ie old custody orders or Children Act 1989 orders).

On the reverse of this letter is a form for you to fill in and return as soon as possible if both parents do not live under the same roof. Please read it carefully. If you require help to fill in the form just call in to school to see the Head Teacher or School Business Manager.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FORM

Child's Name _____

DOB _____

Address for correspondence _____

Postcode _____ Telephone Number _____

1) The following adults live at the above address and act as parent to the child:

| Full Name | Relationship to Child | Do they have parental responsibility? |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Yes / No |
| | | Yes / No |
| | | Yes / No |
| | | Yes / No |
| | | Yes / No |

2) The following adults have "parental responsibility" but do not live at the above address.

| Full Name | Relationship to Child | Address |
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3) Are there any Court Orders which relate to the child which the school should be aware of?

NO / YES

If YES please say what they are

This information will be transferred into the school's record system. Under the Data Protection Act 1998 all information supplied by you in connection with this application, both now and in the future, will be processed in confidence by Welton Primary School for the purpose of your child's education. However, in order to better assess your needs and the accuracy of the information supplied, we may share this information with other bodies, in particular further and higher education.

This form should be signed by someone with parental responsibility wherever possible.

Please return it to the school as soon as possible.

Signed _____

Relationship to Child _____ Date _____