



The Froebelian School
Divorced/Separated Parents Policy

Principle: We try to ensure that the education and care of a pupil remains unaffected by the divorce or separation of parents so far as is possible.

General framework:

When we become aware, or are advised, that parents have divorced or separated, we expect to speak with both parents to give reassurance and to discuss the practicalities of keeping both parents involved in, and informed about, the education and care of their child(ren) while at school.

If another agency is involved (e.g. a court) we will try to arrange for an exchange of information and advice to promote the interests of the child(ren).

The school will at **all** times focus on the interests of the child(ren) and will not become involved in disagreements between parents, other than through the open disclosure of information and advice to both parties.

Applicable Procedures

1. On a weekly basis as required, two copies of all correspondence, including school reports and/or circulars, is put into an orange envelope (our normal school-home communication system), one copy for each parent, and parents should distribute this between themselves. If one or both parents requests that their copies of correspondence be sent in the post instead or via email, the School Office will make this arrangement.
2. Any additional information (e.g. fee invoices) is sent separately to both parents at their own home addresses unless we are advised otherwise.
3. Children's Homework Diaries/Planners are filled in at school and sent home in the satchels. It is then the responsibility of the parent who is looking after the child that night to look in the homework diary to check for messages and help the child to complete any homework set.
4. In the event of a parent having to be called to pick up the child(ren) from school (due to illness, etc.), then normal procedure would follow as with all children at the school. We would start with the first point of contact and work our way down the list of contacts unless otherwise instructed by both parents.
5. Parent Consultation Evening appointments will be offered to both parents as they have equal right to access information about their child(ren)'s academic and social progress. Ideally, these meetings take place with both parents present at the same time in the best interests of the child(ren).

6. A copy of the final Summer Report will be sent to both parents for information.
7. It is the responsibility of the parents to communicate with each other regarding any aspect of provision for their child(ren)'s education. Members of staff will not act as intermediaries for these discussions.

This policy is reviewed regularly by the Headteacher, in consultation with the governing body, in the light of experience, research and good practice.

Policy Date: September 2018

Review Date: September 2021

Signed (Headteacher):



Signed (Chair of Governors):

