



## **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. Where parental responsibility is shared, both parents are entitled to information pertaining to their child's academic progress and personal development, including any social or behavioural issues. The exception is when there is a court order in place, or there are registered safeguarding concerns, which specifically prevents the sharing of this information.
2. Most correspondence, including school reports and data sheets, will be an electronic copy and will be emailed to both parents. If a hardcopy is issued, two copies will be placed in the child's bookbag/satchel so that each parent may access the documents.
3. Any financial information (e.g. fee invoices) is sent separately to both parents at their own home addresses unless we are advised otherwise. Where only one parent has signed the acceptance form and is wholly responsible for paying fees, only they will receive this information.
4. Children's Homework Diaries/Planners are filled in at school and sent home in the bookbags/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.
5. 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. Where a court order stipulating set drop off/collection arrangements are in place, we will contact the parent who is scheduled to collect that day.
6. 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). If this is not possible, we will endeavour to offer separate appointments.

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.

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Signed (Headteacher):



Signed (Chair of Governors):

