

Resolving Child Arrangement Issues



With social distancing rules in place, your current child arrangements may encounter obstacles. Here are some steps you should take to resolve conflicts amicably.



1. Honour the spirit of your CAO

First and foremost, you should honour the spirit of your existing Child Arrangement Order as far as possible. The Government advises children to maintain their usual routine of spending time with parents.

Only if your current arrangement is not possible, seek alternative arrangements



2. Communicate and compromise

Discuss amicably with your co-parent. Work as a team to come up with an agreement that works for everyone. You can also ask a trusted person to be involved in mediation. Make sure your communications are in writing.



3. Your child's welfare is key

New arrangements should always be made in favour of your child's welfare. Involve your child in the discussion if possible. Your child's happiness and development should be prioritised.



4. Assess all relevant factors

The new arrangement should be specific to your family's needs. Here are some factors to consider:

- your child's wants and needs
- ethical, social, religious, emotional factors
- medical or self-isolation issues
- how to provide your child with necessary physical, emotional and educational support