

St Blasius Church of England Primary Academy



We aim for the highest standards and our vision for each child is for them to;

'Enjoy and achieve in life in all its fullness, following in the footsteps of Jesus

'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26

Protocol for Separated Parents

St Blasius Church of England Primary Academy follows the Department for Education's guidance on [understanding and dealing with issues relating to parental responsibility](#).

We fully recognise our responsibilities, and it is our sole wish is to promote the best interests of the child, working in partnership with all parents and carers.

We recognise that, while the parents of some pupils may be divorced or separated, both have a right to be informed of, and involved in, their child's education.

We can only prevent a parent or carer from exercising their rights if:

- There's a **court order** relating to the child that requires this
- A change of circumstances means **someone no longer has parental responsibility**

Separation can cause real upheaval in pupils' lives, so we make pastoral support for the child a priority, so that they continue to feel safe and supported at school.

In addition to this, we aim to give careful consideration to school events, especially where the relationship between parents and carers has broken down.

Examples of this are:

Where practically possible, school performances where more than one performance is offered, each parent should be given a different performance date/time. If this is not possible then alternative agreed arrangements should be made by the school, to ensure that either parent doesn't feel vulnerable.

We understand that each situation is unique and as such we will aim to tailor the support to individual families and their contexts, whilst at the same time ensuring we follow the DFE guidance.