

Child Custody Policy

Where parents of a particular child live in separate accommodation, and especially, when a child resides between two homes, it is in that child's best interest that the class teacher be informed of the family circumstances. Such situations are dealt with sensitively and compassionately and ultimately our primary concern is for the well-being of the child.

When a child spends time in more than one home, we would request that the school be provided with both sets of emergency/contact numbers.

The class teacher should be informed of collection arrangements and of any changes to the usual routine.

Separate parent teacher meetings can be arranged on request.

It is assumed that when the school wishes to communicate with parents regarding their child, the parent with whom the child normally resides will inform the other parent of meetings, arrangements, school notes etc. Special requests for separate communication can be accommodated by arrangement with the class teacher. (Please discuss with the new class teacher at the beginning of each school year).

In the absence of a custody arrangement, both parents will be regarded as equal partners and the school cannot be asked to withhold a child from either parent.