



Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

Guidance for Separated Parents Policy

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1. Policy statement

It is the case at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy that some of our students' parents are separated. We recognise that this can be a difficult situation and our main aim is not to put any additional stress on the students concerned. The student is our main priority and we hope parents will make every effort to recognise this and support us and their child.

This guidance will apply unless the Academy is made aware of any Court Orders in place and have a copy of the documentation as confirmation. Parents and partners may need to check on who has official parental responsibility.

2. Scope

It should be noted that the Academy will:

- Give access to formal documentation, such as reports, to both parents.
- Send routine school information, such as school trips, to the parent with whom the child lives, in the case of shared access, the parent with whom the child lives for the majority of the time.
- Need to be informed, through the contact's sheet, as to the people we may call in the event of an accident or emergency, these will be called in the sequence recorded on the sheet.
- Need to be informed as to who is able to give messages to the school regarding the child's welfare such as a change in travel arrangements or collection for medical appointments; this may include new partners.
- Only accept one request for an appointment at Parents' Evenings and other Parent Information Evenings, unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is only realistic for teachers to discuss the child once per Parents' Evening. We hope parents can make amicable arrangements to accommodate this.
- Encourage students to be organised, in terms of having homework etc. in the right location to bring into school.
- Not facilitate contact arrangements for a separated parent. If a parent wishes for such arrangements they must do so with the other parent or obtain a 'contact order' through a solicitor.

We hope this makes the situation clear for parents; it is in line with our Safeguarding Policy where we have a duty of care to all our students.