

What is a Child Arrangement Order?

A Child Arrangement Order is made by the Court to decide where a child will reside until they are 18 years of age; or earlier if the Order is discharged (cancelled). It also states the arrangements for the child to spend time with their parent/s.



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Child Arrangement Order

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Legal framework

Part of the Children Act 1989 links the proceeding: the primary concern considers the best outcome in terms of the welfare and upbringing of the child.



Support - financial & other

As the carer of a child on a Child Arrangement Order you may be eligible for means tested financial support from Children's Social Care. The social worker will discuss this with you as part of the assessment process.



Will the child still have a social worker?

Once the Child Arrangement Order is granted the child will no longer have a social worker unless another a Supervision or Family Assistance Order is granted, or the child is eligible for support on a Child In Need Plan



Expectations - how do I apply for a Child Arrangement Order

You can apply for a Child Arrangement Order if you are acting as the child's guardian, you have parental responsibility, you are looking after a child through marriage or civil partnership, or a range of other circumstances. It is most commonly granted when family members, such as grandparents, make an application in regard to a grandchild.



More information & advice

This is just a brief overview of Special Guardianship Orders. For more information speak to the child's social worker or go onto the Family Rights Group website: www.frg.org.uk

