

## Parenting Coordination

### **The approach**

The PC process is forward looking – it tries to draw a line in the sand – there is an emphasis on recognising a parenting relationship is a new type of relationship, hopefully a problem-solving one.

Most PC agreements last for about two years, participants can tailor make their agreement to what they both want.

It allows parents to move away from continuous court applications to vary or enforce and work together to be the best parents they can be.

### **What does PC cover?**

- conflicts in the arrangements for the children's day to day care or transitions between their parents, including codes of conduct and transportation, or the children's travel with one parent;
- developing and clarifying provisions that were not anticipated when the parenting plan was developed;
- assisting parents to communicate more effectively;
- assisting parents with the exchange of information about the children;
- addressing temporary changes to the usual holiday child arrangements, to accommodate special events and circumstances;
- resolving conflicts concerning the children's participation in recreational, enrichment or extracurricular activities,;
- addressing movement of the children's clothing, equipment, toys and personal possessions between households;
- resolving conflicts concerning day to day health care, education, and activities; and
- any other conflicts that might arise between parents (with some exceptions).

## What does it not cover?

- requests for a permanent change to the child arrangements that would substantially change the children's time with one parent;
- a request by one parent to move the children's place of residence;
- a request by one parent to remove the children from the jurisdiction of England and Wales, whether temporarily or permanently; or
- decisions regarding life-changing or life-threatening medical treatment,