

Before the Paperwork

The questions worth settling together before anything gets formal. Write in pencil; this is a working draft of everyday life, not a contract.

Where your child sleeps

The pattern, the handovers, and what travels.

Which schedule pattern are we starting with, and when do we review it?

Where and when do handovers happen, and who brings what?

School and activities

Both parents can show up; agree how.

Who is the school's first call, and how does news reach the other home?

How do we handle sick days, school events and term dates?

Health

Decided once, calmly, in advance.

Who is called first when something happens, and how is the other home told?

How do we make bigger health decisions together?

Before the Paperwork, **part two**

Money, special days, and how the two of you will keep deciding things over time.

Money

Everyday costs and the big ones.

How are everyday costs shared, and how do we settle each month?

How will we handle the big items: school fees, devices, dental, trips?

Holidays and special days

Decided in January, easy in December.

How are school holidays divided this year?

Birthdays and celebration days: what does each home do, and how do we avoid the squeeze on the child?

Staying in touch

The other home stays reachable from both.

When and how does our child contact the home they're not at?

How we decide

Small things solo, big things together.

Which decisions can each home make alone, and which do we make together?

What's our calm channel for decisions, and when is our monthly check-in?

This worksheet helps two parents agree the everyday basics. It is practical preparation, not legal advice; for a formal parenting agreement, the free tool at coparentspace.com is the next step.