



## **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

This is not defined under the Children Act 1989.

Some aspects of Parental Responsibility have been acknowledged by the Court and they are as follows:

- Determining the child's religion.
- Determining the child's education.
- Naming the child.
- Appointing a Guardian for the child.
- Consenting (or not) to the child's medical treatment.
- Consenting (or not) to marriage.
- Representing the child in legal proceedings.
- Consenting (or not) to adoption.
- Lawfully correcting the child.
- Consenting to the temporary removal of the child from the jurisdiction for holidays or extended stays.
- Protecting and maintaining the child.
- Administering the child's property.
- Having physical possession of the child.
- Being able to pay fines or compensation.

- Providing for the burial or cremation of a deceased child.
- Allowing the child to be interviewed.
- Allowing confidential information relating to the child to be published.

The child's parents (or anyone else with Parental Responsibility) will exercise Parental Responsibility by taking the decisions that will affect a child's care. Where there is a dispute between those who have Parental Responsibility an application can be made to the Court for an Order under the Children Act 1989.

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