



## Legal Responsibility of Children

### **EYFS Legal Requirement:**

Providers must record information about the people who have parental responsibility for the child (3.72 pg 30)

This policy applies to

1. Early Years Register (EYR)

Biological parents have the right to both collect their child unless there is a court order.

Non biological parents can only collect if their child if agreed with the child's biological parents. If the biological parent then parts with their partner the partner then does not hold any rights with the child unless stated by the child's biological parents.

The child's two biological parents are both able to collect their child from the Nursery. One or other cannot be permitted to refuse the other one the ability to collect their child unless a court order has been issued and the Nursery has seen this. If difficulties occur between both biological parents of the child the Nursery Manager will hold a meeting to discuss the situation as this time could be upsetting for their child, and an agreement will need to be made on who will be collecting the child and when.

If all these steps do not prevent a biological parent from disputing access to the child, the Nursery will contact the other biological parent to inform them of the other parent's intentions.

If any disputes occur in front of the child or staff in the Nursery and the Manager deems it unsafe for a child to be released in their care neither biological parent will be able to collect their child and external agencies will be called and asked to intervene.

All of these procedures will be followed in the interests of the safety and well-being of the children.

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