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- a) You don't need paid lawyers in family court.
- b) There is no advantage to having a lawyer.
- c) Our clients tell us that all too often, lawyers stir the pot of hatred and acrimony, do unnecessary work and leave people in crippling legal debts.

This is an example of a first 'Position Statement' for a Child Arrangements 'First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointment'.

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Daniel Groves (DOB 02/08/2011)  
Sandy Groves (DOB 15/04/2017)

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MR MATTHEW GROVES

APPLICANT

MRS ABIGAIL GROVES

RESPONDANT

POSITION STATEMENT BY APPLICANT  
For Remote Hearing (13/02/2021)

**1. Overview:**

- 1.1 I have applied to the court for a Child Arrangements Order including a Specific Issues Order regarding schooling for Sandy and Prohibited Steps to prevent the children being taken out of the UK pending proceedings.
- 1.2 The respondent and I have been married for 12 years. Six weeks ago, I left the marital home as the marriage has broken down with no prospect of reconciliation. For the last two years of the marriage, there has been many arguments on both sides. I acknowledge the concerns raised in the Cafcass Safeguarding Letter in relation to the acrimony between both of us. The home environment has at times been 'toxic' and not in the best interests of the children. I only wish to now move forward to positively co-parent.
- 1.3 Since moving out, I have had no access to the children, including to indirect contact, and there has been a lack of productive correspondence between myself and the respondent. Mediation was attempted but respondent declined to take part.
- 1.4 I accept that due to my work commitments as a senior health and safety manager, that the children will reside with the respondent. My application is to determine the time spent with myself.
- 1.5 The respondent is a French National, with no ties to the UK. Her family live in Beziers, France. Although I have no direct evidence that she is planning to return to France with the children, it would be reassuring to have a Prohibited Steps Order in place pending proceedings, to prevent the respondent leaving the Jurisdiction of the UK.
- 1.6 Over the last year, there has been a dispute over the future schooling for Sandy. I wish for Sandy to attend the St Edmunds C of E Primary School in Sanford whilst the respondent would like Sandy to be home schooled by her. There are no issues in relation to Daniel who has always attended mainstream schools and is settled at the Sanford Secondary School.

## **2. Proposed Interim Contact.**

2.1 I would like contact with our children as a matter of urgency. I am currently residing in a one bedroom bedsit which is perhaps not appropriate for overnight contact at this time, but am looking to move to more appropriate rented accommodation in the very near future. I would welcome the view of Cafcass and the court as to suitable interim contact during the weekends, and would be willing to attend mediation with the respondent.

## **3. Proposed Longer Term Contact.**

This proposal is intentionally open in it's approach to facilitate discussions.

3.1 Term Time: Every fortnight with overnight stays from Friday to Sunday, (times to be agreed).

3.2 Half term holidays: To be shared equally.

3.3 Easter Holiday (2 weeks) : To be shared equally with Easter Sunday to be alternated every year.

3.4 Christmas Holidays: To be shared equally with Christmas Day alternated every year.

3.5 Children's Birthdays: For the parent, not having residence on those days, to have contact with both children together.

3.6 Parents Birthday's: For the children to spend time with that parent on their Birthday.

3.7 Mother's Day/ Father's Day: To spend time with that parent.

3.8 Handovers: Drop offs and pickups to be shared equally from the respective addresses.

3.9 Direct and indirect contact: For our children to have indirect contact by telephone, letter, Skype, Facetime of any other multi-media or social media platforms.

## **4. Specific Issues.**

4.1 For the court to determine the schooling for Sandy.

## **5. Prohibited Steps Order.**

5.1 For our Children to remain in the UK pending proceedings.

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