

Coronavirus and contact arrangements – template letter – stay at home

Dear [NAME]

I am writing to you about child contact arrangements during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Government has put restrictions in place on everyone and we are all told we must comply with the guidance.

The most recent Government guidance can be found here: www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

All of us, whatever our situation, need to follow the stay at home guidance. You can read it here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

The guidance states that we must all stay at home and reduce social interaction to help slow down the spread of coronavirus. This includes avoiding contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus or has received a positive test result, not meeting anyone outside of our household (except for a permitted reason), no non-essential use of public transport. I think that it is sensible to review the existing child contact arrangements to ensure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible and I propose the following changes:

- *[contact frequency is varied to reduce the amount of travel as follows....]*
- *[to avoid non-essential use of public transport, [you/I] transport [CHILD] by car]*
- *[if either of us develop any symptoms we immediately notify the other and face to face contact is replaced with video calls during the period of self-isolation]*
- *[any proposed change necessary in your circumstances.]*

This situation is constantly changing. I suggest that we keep the arrangement under review over the coming weeks.

This is a difficult time and it is important that [CHILD] is able to stay in contact with you but we have to follow the guidance to keep everyone safe.

Please can you email me back by [DATE] to confirm that you agree to these changes.

[YOUR NAME]