

TOGETHER

MEDIATION

Child Inclusive Mediation

Together Mediation provides a family mediation service throughout England and Wales. We aim to help adults, whose relationship or marriage has broken down, come to a mutual agreement regarding their children, finances and property

By going through mediation, you can avoid the costs and stress of going to court

Our Mediators are professionally accredited with the Family Mediation Council and are also experienced Family Solicitors who are members of the College of Mediators, Family Mediation Association, Resolution and the Law Society





Children inclusive mediation is a structured process where a qualified mediator creates a dialogue between the mediator and any children in a family to identify their thoughts about the situation; details can then be shared. Parents use the information to agree the child arrangements moving forward.

The logic is that children have a right to have their thoughts listened too when decisions are made about them. There have been observations that they like to be part of the process.

For a family mediator to see any child in children inclusive mediation, they must have undertaken a specialist course where they will have learned the correct procedures and protocols that they must follow:

- Prior to children being invited
- When in the consultation process
- Post meetings
- Any further follow ups

Children inclusive mediation is integral to quality Family Mediation and should be viewed as a positive influence for the process overall. Within your MIAM meetings (your initial appointment), the mediator will outline the basics of children inclusive mediation. At the first joint meeting, the mediator should ask both parents to share and discuss their views of the inclusive process. A children inclusive mediator has a responsibility of safeguarding and their aim is to protect any children involved and find a way forward for the Family.

Child inclusive mediation is aligned to The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as well as The Children’s Act 1989. Each piece of legislation emphasises the need for children’s wishes and feelings to be considered and their right to be consulted in decisions that affect them.

The recommendation is that children should be made aware of this right. However, the parents must be aligned and in agreement before the children can be invited to speak to a mediator. This does not exclude children younger than 10 from being involved, parents maintain the right to decline children inclusive mediation.

The mediator will write directly to the children inviting them into the process and explaining how the process works. If the children do not want to – it is their choice.

At no point, will a child ever be asked by the mediator to make a choice or a decision. Example, who to live with.



Get in touch

For further information, please contact us via one of the below methods:

T: 01291 639527

E: hello@togethermediation.co.uk

Follow us

 @2gethrMediation

 TogetherMediationUK

 TogetherMediationUK

 TogetherMediationUK

