

GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS

The sad truth is that many grandparents don't get the chance to contribute to the lives of their grandchildren. Many have to make do with what they are given in terms of the time with grandchildren that they love and care for. Sometimes as a grandparent you can take things in to your own hands and make appellations to the Court. Sadly there is no legal aid available for you to pay for your lawyers and so you need a cost effective solution.

Unless there is a history of the child or children living with you for a period of time before your contact application you will need the permission of the court to apply for a contact order. Once you have permission the Court will then consider how and indeed if contact should be arranged between you and your grandchildren. This process may include an assessment of you, the parents and the children to see what the best solution would be. It may also include deciding what contact you should have e.g. SKYPE, visits, holidays, letters and gifts, etc

In certain circumstances grandparents can apply to the Court for permission to request a residence order, a special guardianship order or even an adoption order. For example when your grandchild has become involved in care proceedings brought by the social services department or where the parents are no longer able or capable of caring for their children. Again there needs to be an assessment and then the Court needs to make a decision.

At 12 College Place we can present you with a cost effective solution to all these issues. We can advise you, represent you and put forward your case in the best way possible without the costs being open ended and astronomic.