

what is a parenting order?

Information for parents/carers

Warwickshire Youth Offending Team

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WHAT IS A PARENTING ORDER?

This is an Order made by the Court because the Court believes that by accepting help and support parents will be able to encourage their children to avoid committing further offences.

The Court may require parents to:

- go to counselling or guidance sessions.

(These could be once a week for up to three months)

and

- make sure that they have more control over their child's behaviour. This could mean making sure that the child:
- goes to school every day
- is home in the evening at a set time

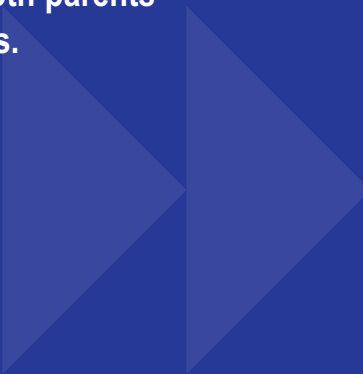
(This part of the Order may be for up to 12 months).

A worker from the Youth Offending Team will explain the Order to you very soon after the Order is made. He or she is known as a 'Responsible Officer'.

IS THE ORDER JUST FOR PARENTS?

The Order may apply to a parent, guardian or carer.

It may be made on one or both parents depending on circumstances.

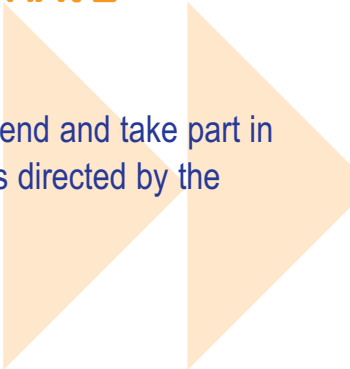


WHAT DOES A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER DO?

The Responsible Officer arranges the counselling or guidance sessions and explains any other parts of the Order.


WHAT DO PARENTS HAVE TO DO?

Parents will be expected to attend and take part in individual or group sessions as directed by the Responsible Officer.



WHAT HAPPENS IF PARENTS WILL NOT CO-OPERATE OR MISS APPOINTMENTS?

If there are problems, parents should tell their 'Responsible Officer' as soon as possible. There may be good reasons for missing an appointment but the parent must let the Responsible Officer know. Further appointments will then be offered.



Missing appointments without a reasonable excuse is not acceptable. If parents do not co-operate they will be reported to the police and may be prosecuted in a Magistrates Court. If found guilty the Court can:

- fine you (up to £1,000)**
- re-sentence you, which could result in you receiving an Absolute Discharge, a Conditional Discharge or a Community Rehabilitation Order**

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We will treat you fairly and with respect.

We expect you not to use comments or behaviour which is:

- racist
 - sexist
 - makes others feel uncomfortable.
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YOUR RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how you have been treated by a person from the Youth Offending Team tell us by:

- talking to your worker

OR

- telephoning the Unit Manager at your worker's office

OR

- ask for the Complaints Leaflet

CONTACTS

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