



# Working Together for Children (WT4C)

The Working Together for Children (WT4C) programme is designed to help family members understand what their children need most when making arrangements about spending time with separated parents and other important family members.



## WT4C Aims:

### To enable children and young people:

- To enjoy close and nurturing relationships with important family members, wherever safe to do so.
- To have a childhood which is not dominated by conflict between parents.
- To be consulted (age-appropriate) when decisions are made which affect them.
- To thrive in childhood, with parents who live apart.

## WT4C Programme Content:

- It highlights what children need during and post separation of their parents.
- It explains the importance of talking to children; tell them what is happening, hear and talk to them about any feelings.
- It explores parent communication and how to react appropriately when under stress.
- It challenges parents to consider the emotional effect of separation and some positive options for moving forward.
- It assists parents to work together in the best interest of their children.



## Suitability to Attend:

- The WT4C programme is only suitable where there are no current safeguarding risks and where domestic abuse and other forms of harm are not present.



## The Arrangements:

- Parents / family members may be ordered by the Court to attend a WT4C programme, or it may be offered by a Cafcass Cymru practitioner.
- The programme is usually delivered remotely but can be delivered face-to-face, if required, to a mixed group of parents and can take up to four hours. Separated couples do not attend in the same group but it is important that both parents attend the programme.
- Participants will be asked to complete an evaluation form about their experience of the programme. This is used by Cafcass Cymru to improve our service. Contact will also be made six months post completion of the programme to help us evaluate any long-term impact the programme has.
- Attendance at the programme will be confirmed to the court or Cafcass Cymru Practitioner.