

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY



Throughout the year, the youth service will issue forms which must be signed by a person with parental responsibility. These forms could be for the purpose of:

- ✿ Registration in youth provision
- ✿ Permission for educational visits, specialist programmes or residentials
- ✿ Permission to take and use photographs or digital images
- ✿ Permission to use ICT equipment

It is important that the appropriate adult signs these forms. This person must have parental responsibility as outlined in the Children (NI) Order 1995, which defines as follows:

- ✿ Natural mother (who always has parental responsibility)
- ✿ Natural father who only gains parental responsibility:
 - If married to the mother at time of birth or subsequently
 - Through an agreement witnessed by a solicitor
 - Through a parental responsibility order by a court
 - If jointly registered at the child's birth (post April 2002)
- ✿ A person who has been awarded parental responsibility through a court order

For further clarification, if required, please contact the Youth Worker in Charge.