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CHOOSING GUARDIANS FOR YOUR CHILDREN: KEY FACTORS TO CONSIDER

FAMILIARITY

The relationship between the proposed guardian and your children is key. Is this person a member of your family?

YES → CONTINUE

NO → Are they a family friend?

YES → CONTINUE

NO → Consider a guardian who is closer to your family

RELIGIOUS & MORAL ISSUES

Do the guardians have religious or other beliefs that are compatible with the upbringing that you would like your children to have?

YES → CONTINUE

NO → Do you agree with the decisions they have made in their own lives?

YES → CONTINUE

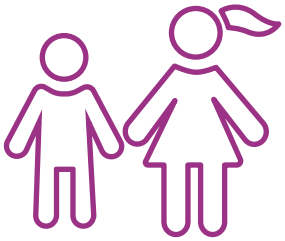
NO → Consider a guardian who is better aligned with your values

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Will the guardians be able to accommodate your children? Is their lifestyle compatible with rearing your children?

YES → CONTINUE

NO → Consider leaving a gift to the guardian; taking out life assurance for the guardian's benefit, or choosing a more able guardian to look after your children



LOCATION

Will your children have to move school and be separated from their friends and family?

NO → CONTINUE

YES → Do the guardians live somewhere you would like your children to grow up?

YES → CONTINUE

NO → Consider a guardian who lives closer to your home

CONTACT

Can your children remain in contact with their wider families?

YES → CONSIDER APPOINTING THIS PERSON AS YOUR GUARDIAN. THEY MAY NOT BE THE BEST CHOICE, BUT IN YOUR ABSENCE THEY MAY BE THE 'LEAST WORST' CHOICE...

NO → You can specify regular contact meetings in your Will or Letter of Wishes.

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