

Bilingual Parenting Plan Template for China

General information, not legal advice. Laws and registry practice change — confirm your situation with a lawyer before acting.
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1. How to use this template

- This template helps separating parents set out arrangements for their children in one clear document, in English and Chinese.
- Fill in each section together if you can, or separately as a starting point for negotiation or mediation.
- The final plan can be included in a registry divorce agreement or confirmed in a court mediation document or judgment, which makes it enforceable.
- Chinese courts decide custody based on the child's best interests. For a child aged eight or older, the child's true wishes must be respected; a plan cannot override this.
- Where the English and Chinese versions differ, state which version prevails, or declare both equally authentic after careful checking.
- Have a lawyer review the final wording before you sign.

2. Parties, children and residence

- Parent A / 父亲或母亲: full name, nationality, ID or passport number, address. []
- Parent B / 父亲或母亲: full name, nationality, ID or passport number, address. []
- Children / 子女: full name, date of birth, nationality, passport numbers. []
- Direct custody / 直接抚养: The children will live mainly with [Parent A / Parent B] at [city]. 子女随[父/母]生活, 居住于[城市]。
- Or shared arrangement / 轮流抚养: The children will live with each parent on the following schedule: [].
- Change of residence / 住所变更: A parent who plans to move the children to another city or country will give at least [90] days' written notice and seek the other parent's written agreement or a court decision.

3. Regular visitation schedule

- Weekends / 周末: The non-resident parent will have the children every [other] weekend from [Friday 6 pm] to [Sunday 6 pm].
- Weekdays / 工作日: [One] evening per week, from after school until [8 pm], on [day].
- Video calls / 视频通话: At least [two] calls per week at agreed times; the resident parent will help the children join.
- Handover / 交接: Handover takes place at [school / agreed address]. Either parent may send another trusted adult: [name].
- Cancellations / 取消: A parent who cannot keep a visit will tell the other at least [24] hours in advance; missed time will be made up within [two] weeks where possible.
- Visitation may be suspended only if it would harm the child's physical or mental health, as decided by a court.

4. Holidays and special days

- Spring Festival / 春节: alternate years; in even years with [Parent A], in odd years with [Parent B], from [date] to [date].
- Summer holiday / 暑假: each parent has [half], including one continuous block of up to [three] weeks for travel.
- Winter holiday / 寒假: divided [equally], coordinated with Spring Festival.
- Other public holidays (National Day, May Day, Mid-Autumn) / 其他法定节假日: [alternate / split].
- Home-country holidays / 本国节日 (for example Christmas, Thanksgiving, Diwali, Eid): with [Parent] each year, or alternating.
- Birthdays and Mother's / Father's Day / 生日及母亲节、父亲节: arrangements: [].

5. Travel, passports and relocation

- Domestic travel / 境内出行: either parent may travel within China with the children during their time, informing the other parent of the destination.
- International travel / 出境旅行: requires [written consent of the other parent] at least [30] days in advance, with itinerary, addresses and return date.
- **Consent will not be unreasonably refused for holidays of up to [three] weeks to [countries].**
- Passports / 护照保管: the children's passports and travel documents will be held by [Parent / neutral third party] and released for agreed trips.
- Return / 按期返回: a parent travelling abroad with the children will return them on the agreed date.
- Mainland China is not a party to the Hague Child Abduction Convention, so prevention and clear written consent matter. Take legal advice if there is any risk of non-return.

6. Education, health and decision-making

- Major decisions / 重大事项: choice of school, significant medical treatment, religion and change of nationality or name will be made jointly.
- Day-to-day decisions / 日常事项: made by the parent the children are with at the time.
- School / 学校: the children will attend [school]. Both parents may receive school reports and attend school events.
- Health / 医疗: both parents may access medical information. In an emergency, the parent present may consent to treatment and will inform the other immediately.
- Language and culture / 语言与文化: both parents will support the children in maintaining [languages] and connections with both families.
- Disagreements / 争议解决: parents will first discuss, then try mediation, before applying to court.

7. Child support and costs

- Monthly support / 每月抚养费: [Parent] will pay RMB [amount] per month by the [5th] of each month to [account].
- **For reference, Chinese courts generally set support at 20%–30% of the paying parent's monthly total income for one child, and generally not above 50% for two or more children.**
- Extra costs / 额外费用: tuition, medical costs not covered by insurance and agreed extracurricular activities will be shared [50/50 / in proportion to income].
- Currency / 币种: where the paying parent earns abroad, state the currency and exchange-rate date.
- Duration / 期限: support is paid until the child turns 18, or as otherwise agreed or ordered.
- **The child can later ask for an increase if needs or the paying parent's income change significantly.**

8. Communication, review and signatures

- Communication / 沟通方式: parents will communicate about the children by [WeChat / email] and respond within [48] hours.
- Respect / 相互尊重: neither parent will speak negatively about the other in front of the children.
- Review / 定期检视: the plan will be reviewed every [12] months, or when a child starts a new school stage or a parent moves.
- Language / 文本: this plan is made in English and Chinese; [both versions are equally authentic / the Chinese version prevails].
- Signatures / 签署: Parent A _____ Date _____ Parent B _____ Date _____
- Need help turning this plan into an enforceable agreement? Contact Choi & Huang: Info@ChoiAndHuang.com, +86 755 8888 6666. This template is general information as of 2026, not legal advice.

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