**VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROCHDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND**

**[PARENT(S) / PERSON(S) WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY] FOR**

**ACCOMMODATION UNDER SECTION 20 OF THE CHILDREN ACT 1989**

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| Name of Child(ren) | DOB |
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Parent(s) / [*Name(s) of Parent(s) or person(s) with Parental Responsibility*]

Person(s) with PR

This is an agreement between Rochdale Borough Council and [*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*].

The agreement is that [*Name(s) of child(ren)*] will be placed in [*type of placement, eg foster care*] by Rochdale Borough Council.

In legal terms, that placement is happening under [*relevant sub-section*] of section 20 of the Children Act 1989.

**The placement and the children’s wishes**

Rochdale Borough Council is providing accommodation for your child(ren) because [*purpose of the placement*]. The current plan for your child(ren) is that [*current primary permanence plan*] and that the child(ren) will remain accommodated by the local authority for a period of [*X weeks / months*].

The child(ren)’s wishes and feelings are [*set out wishes and feelings*].

[*or*]

It has not been possible to find out the child(ren)’s wishes and feelings because [*give reasons*].

**Agreement of the person(s) with parental responsibility and right to remove**

[*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] do not at the moment object to the child(ren) being placed in [*type of placement*] under section 20 and are aware that this means that the child(ren) will be looked after by Rochdale Borough Council. Information has been provided which sets out what this means for them and for the child(ren).

[*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] may at any time remove the child(ren) from [*type of placement*].

[*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] [*has / has not*] had legal advice and has the right to continue to seek independent legal advice.

**Reviews**

*[delete if not applicable]*

This agreement relates to the accommodation of a child under the age of six months, and the exceptional circumstances requiring the use of s 20 are [*set out exceptional circumstances*].

The local authority intends to review this placement every [*X weeks*] and [*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] will, after each review, be updated by the local authority on its plan moving forward.

Additional reviews may be requested in response to any changes.

**SIGNATURES**

**Name of Parent / ……………………………………………**

**Person with PR**

**Signature ……………………………………………**

**Name of Parent / ……………………………………………**

**Person with PR**

**Signature ……………………………………………**

**On behalf of Rochdale ……………………………………………**

**Borough Council**

**Date ………………………………………….**

[Where required to be translated into a foreign language] *[delete if not applicable]*

This document has been written in English and translated into [*foreign language*]. [*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] have read it in [*foreign language*] and the translated copy is attached to this agreement.

OR

This document has been read to [*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] in [*foreign language*] by [*named interpreter*] who has confirmed that [*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] have understood the contents and agree to its terms.

**Name of Interpreter ………………………………………………**

**Signature ……………………….………………………**

*(if physically present)*

**Date ………………………………………….**

[Where an advocate or intermediary has assisted] *[delete if not applicable]*

[*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] has been assisted by [*name of advocate / intermediary*].

I [*advocate / intermediary*] confirm that I have read through this document with and explained it to [*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] and I am satisfied that [*Name(s) of parent(s) / person(s) with PR*] [person with parental responsibility] understands its contents.

**Name of Advocate / ………………………………………………**

**Intermediary**

**Signature ……………………….………………………**

**Date ………………………………………….**