

## A GUIDE TO PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

### Who has it?

1. The birth mother or mother by adoption
2. The birth father if:
  - a) Married to the birth mother at time of birth
  - b) Subsequently marries the birth mother
  - c) Gets a 'Parental Responsibility Agreement' through a Solicitor
  - d) Gets a 'Parental Responsibility Order' Article 7, through the Court.
  - e) Registered on the child's birth certificate as the child's father (after April 2002)
3. Anyone who has a Residence Order during its lifetime. E.g. grandparents
4. The State if a Care Order is in force.

### How do you lose it?

1. The birth mother
  - a) If the child is adopted by someone else.
2. The birth father
  - a) if the child is adopted by someone else
  - b) through the court
3. Anyone with a Residence Order
  - a) End of the Order
  - b) New Order replaces it
  - c) Through the Court
5. The State
  - a) New Order replaces it
  - b) End of Order
  - c) Through the Court

## Parents

Parents are required to inform the school if their child has :-

- a medical condition
- an educational need

- there are any court orders relating to safety or well being of parents or child
- if there is any change in circumstance – address, contact details, name, parental responsibility
- who brings their child home
- if their child is absent