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Do's

- 1.** Do remember that although you may no longer be together, you will always both be the children's parents. Put the children first.
- 2.** Do keep the door opened to dialogue.
- 3.** Do substitute politeness, if love has gone.
- 4.** Do be aware of the positive benefits of counselling and/or mediation in helping you cope with your changing relationship with your partner.
- 5.** Do be ready to compromise - an agreement between you is more likely to work than an Order imposed by the Court.
- 6.** Do be patient - Matrimonial Proceedings can take many months to be concluded and we shall not compromise your interest for the sake of speed.

Don'ts

- 7.** Do not tolerate threats or violence - ask us how the law can help to protect you.
- 8.** Do not sign or agree to anything without speaking to us first.
- 9.** Do not let your partner undermine your confidence in us.
- 10.** Do not expect the best of your partner, or of yourself - aspire to reasonableness
- 11.** Do not leave your confidential documents where they can be found by your partner.
- 12.** Do not panic!

Divorce and separation can be difficult. It helps to be prepared so please bear these points in mind.