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**What is Parental Responsibility?**

You may have seen the term Parental Responsibility on the Deed Poll templates without understanding what it means and this resource is here to help!

Parental responsibility, or ‘PR’ is a legal term that is defined as, “*all the rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his property*.”

Many parents have ‘PR’ without knowing that they do and some think they have it when they do not.

To find out your own status, we suggest you have a look at the [Government’s website](https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/who-has-parental-responsibility).

Should you need further guidance, you can contact a family solicitor. Should you need help with signposting to a family solicitor, please reach out to [legal@mermaidsuk.org.uk](mailto:legal@mermaidsuk.org.uk)