**Supervised Family Time Expectations between FAST (Cumberland Council)**

**(name of parent or adult having family time) and (full name of child/ren)**

Agreed within initial meeting on:

1. Your family time will take place at (venue or community)
2. Family time will take place every (state frequency) at (state time, day and date or times, days and dates if a number of family times are being planned)
3. You are asked to arrive at (time) so that you can be there to greet (child name) and are prepared before they arrive. We welcome you to bring games that you and (childs name) enjoy or activity ideas for the time you have together.
4. If you have not arrived within 15 minutes of the agreed arrival time; family time will not take place. Family time will not be rescheduled if you do not attend or are very late without a valid reason.
5. If you are unable to come to see (name of child), for example if you are unwell or have another appointment; you must let us know as soon as you can – please ring the numbers provide by the Child and Family Worker to let them know as soon as possible. This is to prevent (name of child) travelling unnecessary and being disappointed; the earlier you inform us the sooner we can prepare (name) for the changes.
6. Whilst we recognise how important the family time is to you and (child’s name); there are times when sickness may prevent this or there is a **Public Holiday**. We are not able to reschedule all of these however, will try to plan ahead for holiday periods. We cannot replace family time when you or (child/rens’ name) are unwell.
7. If family time is planned on the same day when you have another important meeting such as a review or Court; we will need to talk to you and the Social Worker about this to make sure that it is in the best interests of (child’s name) to proceed. Where possible, we will try to plan ahead to avoid this but cannot always provide a replacement session.
8. The following additional people can attend this Family Time – (name of other adult(s)) to see (name of child/ren). No other person(s) will be allowed into the centre for your Family Time and they will be turned away if they come along. We ask that you do not encourage people that are not permitted to wait outside the venue as it could be confusing for (child’s name) to see them in an unplanned way.
9. You are/are not (delete as appropriate) able to bring cold drinks and snacks to the family time for (child’s name). We respectfully ask that these are healthy snacks such as fruit (advice can be offered if needed in relation to this).
10. You are/are not (delete as appropriate) to take photographs of (name of child) during family time. We would also like to take photographs of you all together to capture memories and may use these as part of (child name) life story work.
11. Our role in the session is to support you with (name of child) if needed, we are here to offer advice and guidance about parenting strategies and techniques. Please don’t hesitate to ask for help if needed.
12. Observations of your Family Time will be made and recorded on your child’s records; they may also be provided to the Court if they are involved.
13. We will provide you with verbal feedback which we hope will help you to reflect on what’s worked well and what you could do differently in the future.
14. We are unable to answer any questions about Court or care plans for (child’s name). These issues need to be discussed separately with your child’s Social Worker.
15. We ask that you do not swear, shout or raise your voice as this may frighten (child’s name) or other children and families who use our centres.
16. Any threats or acts of physical aggression or intimidation will result in you being asked to leave immediately; failure to do so will result in the Police being called and the Family Time will stop. This may lead to a temporary suspension of Family time, to enable a review with the social work team to consider how this can be avoided moving forward and whether Family Time is still safe for all concerned and in (child’s name) best interests.
17. We also ask that you do not use drugs and alcohol before attending the centre; if we are worried that you are intoxicated; the Family Time cannot go ahead, and you will be asked to leave.
18. At the end of your Family Time together, we will make sure (child’s name) is safe with their carer. We ask that you remain in the room (unless agreed otherwise) and leave after the child/s name has left.
19. This agreement will be reviewed regularly and updated when necessary (how often).
20. Should you miss 3 consecutive sessions or there is a pattern of over 4 missed family times over a month; a review will take place with the social work team to understand why and whether the frequency agreed is right for you and (child’s name).

Signed……………………………………………………………………………………….....Date………………….

I have signed and understood the agreement with FAST (Cumberland Council).

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**A copy of this document will be shared with the social work team and Courts where necessary; you are welcome to share this with any legal representative you may have; however, as it has personal details in relating to your child, we ask that you keep this in a safe place and do not publish this on social media.**