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Child contact for separated families “a major issue”

Contact between children and absent fathers after a separation continues to be a major issue for second families, a recent survey by The British Second Wives Club found.

Linda, a member of The British Second Wives Club, said:

“The most discussed topic at The British Second Wives Club is the issue of child contact. Second wives, who are step mothers to their partners’ children, often find contact can be either actively discouraged or blocked. Some second wives and their partners are at the end of their tether in trying to find a solution.”

A recent survey by The BSWC found 39% of second wives and their partners had problems with maintaining regular child contact. The problems faced by some second families range from last minute cancellations to demands for extra maintenance payments before the children are handed over.

Helen, a member of The BSWC, said:

“I am a step mother and I support my husband wholeheartedly when he wants to see his children. However, he has had to resort to using the courts to gain access to his children and we find the whole court process in this country very slow. All he wants to do is to be a part of his children’s lives and in our opinion, court orders are totally worthless because if they are broken, there is very little that can be done about it.”

Paula, a member of The BSWC, said:

“My husband just wants to see his children! However, there always seems to be a reason to stop him from seeing them. Even when he does see them, they have had it drummed into them they will not have a good time with their dad, and so often, they don’t. Unfortunately, no amount of court orders can deal with that sort of thing”

The British Second Wives Club is an on-line support group, offering help, advice & friendship to any lady in The UK who is having problems with their partner’s ex, step children or other issues such as harassment, child contact & financial issues, CSA & CAFCASS assessments, the legal system & court orders.

<http://www.thebritishsecondwivesclub.co.uk>