

Being a Witness

Notes for Parents or Carers:

5-11 year old witnesses



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As you know your child may be asked to be a witness for the Reporter in a children's hearing court case.

The enclosed booklet for **Parents and Carers of a Child Witness** will tell you more about this. (It is written for parents and carers of all child witnesses. Only the parts relating to children's hearing court cases apply to you).

The enclosed booklet for **Child Witnesses aged 5-11** will tell your child about being a witness in a children's hearing court case. The booklets describe different ways now available for child witnesses to help them give their evidence.

Please read the Parent & Carer booklet carefully and take time to read the Child Witness booklet with your child.



The court wants to know how your child would like to give evidence.

The attached **Question & Answer sheet for 5-11 year olds** is one way for the reporter to find this out and tell the court. If a safeguarder has been appointed s/he may help with this instead of the reporter.

Please go through the Question & Answer sheet with your child to help him or her complete it and then return it to the address given on the sheet. If you need more information before doing this please contact the reporter's office or send a letter or e-mail with your own questions. The address and telephone number is at the end of this Note.

The choices to help your child give evidence are:

- Screen, or
- CCTV to another room within the court building, or
- CCTV to another room outwith the court building, or
- Supporter with screen or CCTV
- Supporter without screen or CCTV, to support a child giving evidence direct to the court

Thank you for your assistance.