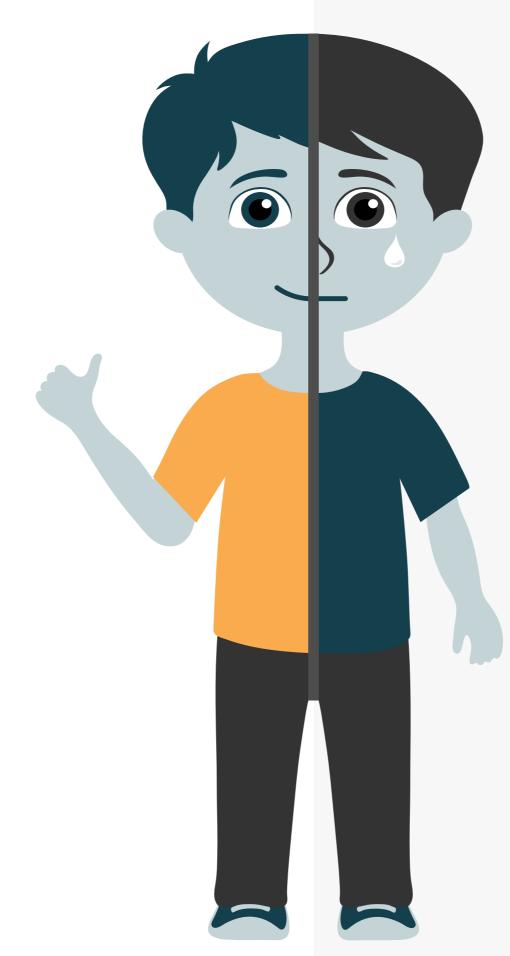
### When parents divorce is it always bad for the children?

Not every marriage can last a lifetime, but this doesn't mean, as many anti-divorce commentators would have you believe, that you are automatically condemning your children to a psychological nightmare if you decide to go your separate ways.

While many pundits would have us believe divorce is always bad for children, kids living with parents who appear to hate each other are likely to tell you that seeing them hurl abuse at each other is not a fun situation either.

# **ELIMINATE THE NEGATIVES**

**SPLITTING UP - ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVES,** 



**POSITIVE** 

O Parents continue fighting even after they have separated

**NEGATIVE** 

Parents stop fighting... eventually

O Things are less stressful at home so children can focus on school work

O Parents who aren't fighting can give

children more focused attention

- A new partner may mean a new home and new siblings/friends
- O There's less stigma about divorce than in the past

O Children can have meaningful

two homes

relationships with parents in

Eventually, both parents and the

children can be happy again

**DIVORCE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE BAD** 

unable to focus

O Children become distracted and

- O Reports say children's school work will suffer
- O Worrying about what's going to happen, such as a new partner on the scene or a new home
- O Children become pawns in

divorced parents' fighting

O Children feel guilty and blame themselves for their parents' divorce

- They may develop stress-related ill-health

## assured that your lawyer will understand you and your particular situation.

When you choose an Oratto member divorce solicitor you will be connecting with an

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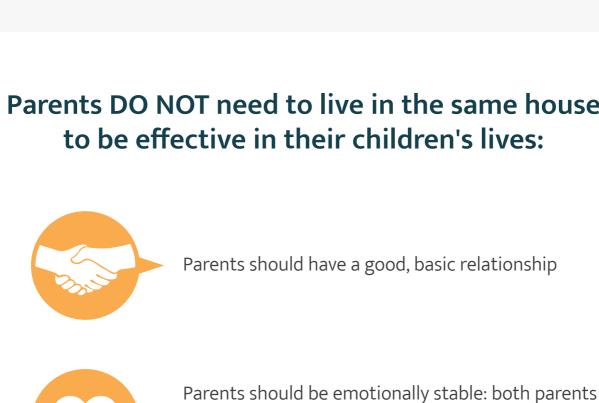
contentious divorce cases. So, whatever your personal circumstances, you can be

also left with a lasting legacy of pain and emotional trauma. The parents may also be, potentially, less able to give children support as effectively as parents who have worked out good parenting strategies while living apart.

While many reports suggest that children who experience their parents'

divorce will be harmed in a number of psychological and emotional ways,

it cannot be ignored that children whose parents argue constantly are



Parents DO NOT need to live in the same house to be effective in their children's lives: Parents should have a good, basic relationship

Some children adapt well to the

studies show that around 80%

on school attainment, mental

health or social adjustment

divorce of their parents. Research

suffer no lasting negative effects



Children need safe housing, nutritionally balanced food, and social support, they don't need to be spoiled, these resources can be provided by two

should exercise fair discipline, provide love, and

respond emotionally to a child's needs

**FAMILY LAW SOLICITORS WHO ARE RIGHT FOR YOU** 

parents living in separate homes

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