

# Surrey Naming Ceremony Script



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## Welcome and introduction

Good morning/afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to [name of venue], and a very special welcome to **child's name** and his/her parents [name] and [name] on this memorable day.

My name is [registrar name] and it is my privilege to conduct this naming ceremony. I am sure everyone here is delighted to be sharing in this joyous event.

## The Ceremony

It is a special occasion when friends and family come together, especially when it is to celebrate welcoming a child into your lives. Today, **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] wish to share with you all their hopes for **child's name** future. Together they will be making promises to love and nurture **child's name** as he/she continues his/her journey through life's rich tapestry.

Whilst I am sure everyone here today offers their support to **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] as they embark on this new and exciting chapter in their lives, some of you have been chosen by them to take on additional responsibilities in the upbringing of **child's name** by taking on the role of Guide Parents. The guide parents and grandparents [if applicable] of **child's name** will be joining **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] in making promises to cherish, love and nurture their son/daughter as he/she grows.

**A Reading, poem or personal message may be inserted here.** This could include a small passage about the family, personal journey, special moments etc.

The arrival of a new child into a family not only marks the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of the parents, but also strengthens the bond between them as they work together to raise their child.

We have now come to the moment for **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] to formally name their son/daughter.

Names are so important in everyday life; they give us our own individual identity. Whilst our first names create our individuality, our family name gives us a sense of belonging and today baby **child's name** is extending his/her family's history into another generation.

**Parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] please tell us the name(s) that you have chosen for your child.

Parents to say out loud the name(s) chosen.

**Child's name**, on behalf of your family and friends who are here today in your honour, we welcome you. Our wish for you is that you are always surrounded by love, peace, security, and happiness and that your life is full of joy, good health, and adventure.

## Parent's Promises

**Parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] I am now going to ask you to declare your promises to your son/daughter.

Please choose THREE promises from the options below.

Please say "I promise" after each declaration.

- 1) Do you promise that you will always love and support **child's name** to the very best of your ability?
- 2) Do you promise to work hard to create a safe and loving home to raise **child's name**?
- 3) Do you promise that you will always be ready to listen to **child's name** and to teach him/her the importance of honesty, generosity, and tolerance?
- 4) Do you promise to inspire **child's name** to follow his/her dreams and teach him/her to persevere in his/her every endeavour?

**Parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] you have now made your promises to **child's name** and everyone here today wishes you strength, courage, and happiness as you continue this very special journey in your lives.

## Guide Parents Promises

I would now like to invite the chosen guide parents to stand and pledge their commitment to playing a supportive and caring role in **child's name** upbringing.

Raising a child is a huge responsibility. Therefore, it is important that **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] feel able to ask for help, support and guidance from others close to them. The guide parents that **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] have chosen are people they believe will uniquely enrich **child's name** life, extending the circle of people who will have a special impact on him/her as he/she grows.

Please choose TWO promises from the options below.

Guide parents, please reply "I promise" after each declaration.

- 1) Do you promise that **child's name** will be able to trust you with his/her thoughts and turn to you for reassurance and help whenever he/she may need it?
- 2) Do you promise that you will always be there for **child's name** as a shoulder to lean on and someone to trust and confide in?
- 3) Do you promise that you will teach **child's name** to persevere in his/her every endeavour, offering your encouragement and guidance as he/she grows?
- 4) Do you promise to love and treasure **child's name** and inspire him/her to achieve his/her dreams and ambitions, whatever they may be?

## Grandparents Promises (Optional)

Grandparents occupy a very special and unique place in the life of a child. **Parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] would like to acknowledge the special role that you will play in the upbringing of **child's name** as you pledge to love and care for your new grandchild as he/she grows up.

Please choose TWO promises from the options below.

Grandparents, please reply "I promise" after each declaration.

- 1) Do you promise to love and support **child's name** offering him/her guidance, encouragement, and support whenever he/she may need it?
- 2) Do you promise to always find time for **child's name** and to be there whenever he/she may need you?
- 3) Do you promise to support **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] sharing your wisdom and knowledge with them as they raise **child's name**?
- 4) Do you promise to make precious memories for **child's name** and share special moments with him/her to treasure forever?

**A Reading, poem or personal message may be inserted here.**

## Signing of Certificate and Photographs

Our parents, guide parents and grandparents [if applicable] will now sign the certificate of promises made to **child's name** today. This is a very special moment and provides a lasting memory of this occasion, which they are delighted to have shared with you.

**Music may be played during the signing.**

## Presentation of Certificate

**Child's name** you have been welcomed into a loving family and circle of friends and today is evidence that you will receive love and support throughout your life. Our wish for you is that this will give you the best possible start in life. Everyone here today wishes you good health, happiness, and a very bright future.

**Parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name] it now gives me great pleasure to present you with your certificate of naming for **child's name**.

## Conclusion

Thank you all for being here today to share this ceremony with **parent 1** [name] and **parent 2** [name]. It has been a real privilege to be part of this special day and I do hope that today becomes one of your very precious memories.

Ladies and gentlemen, would you please stand and join me in welcoming as I present to you, **child's full name**.

**Exit from the ceremony room.**