# Letter of Wishes

*This template is designed to help you write a personal Letter of Wishes to accompany your will. It is not legally binding but can offer helpful guidance and clarity to your executors, trustees, and loved ones. Be honest, be clear, and above all—be yourself.*

*This is the editable Word version. You can type directly into this document, amend or add any sections, and then save and print.*

*(If you would prefer to simply print it and write by hand, you can also find a PDF version with larger boxes to accommodate handwriting, at* [*www.notsograve.co.uk/letter-of-wishes*](http://www.notsograve.co.uk/letter-of-wishes)*)*



*Created by Not So Grave* [*www.notsograve.co.uk*](http://www.notsograve.co.uk) *24 April 2025.*

*For personal use only. All information correct at time of writing.*

# Letter of Wishes

## 1. Introduction

Date: [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]

To my Executors / Trustees / Family,

I am writing this Letter of Wishes to express my personal thoughts, preferences, and guidance relating to my will and the administration of my estate. While this letter is not legally binding, I ask that you take its contents into consideration.

## 2. General Guidance

Here you can include your general hopes for how your estate is managed and how your loved ones are supported:

|  |
| --- |
|  |

## 3. Distribution Preferences

You may want to explain the reasoning behind your choices in your will, especially if they may come as a surprise:

|  |
| --- |
|  |

## 4. Personal Messages

Here, you can write informal messages to specific people or groups—such as family members, friends, or carers:

|  |
| --- |
|  |

## 5. Guardianship Preferences (if applicable)

If your will appoints guardians for your children, you can share your hopes or advice for how they are raised:

|  |
| --- |
|  |

## 6. Funeral and Memorial Wishes (if not included in will)

This can include tone, music, people to involve, or location:

|  |
| --- |
|  |

## 7. Any Other Notes or Clarifications

Use this space for anything else you feel is important for your executors or loved ones to know:

|  |
| --- |
|  |

With love and thanks for honouring my wishes,

Signed: [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]

Date: [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]