Letter of Wishes – PDF Template

This document 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 non-editable PDF version with larger boxes to accommodate handwriting. You can simply print it and write by hand into the boxes.

(You can find the editable Word version at <u>www.notsograve.co.uk/letter-of-wishes</u>, if you would like to change or add any more sections or detail.)



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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: [_____]