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Tell the child only what is confirmed and appropriate to share, hear the change they feel, and separate possible friendship from the team's current responsibilities.

A confirmed roster fact does not authorize disclosure of another family's reasons.

Example: A child's regular partner leaves the roster. The family shares no private reason, hears what the child misses, checks any continued contact with the guardians, and asks the coach to provide the current practice assignment.

01 Know the change

A confirmed roster fact does not authorize disclosure of another family's reasons.

Confirmed change

Appropriate source

Private reason not yours to share

Rumor left unclaimed

02 Hear the child

Let the child identify the actual part they miss.

Concern in the child's words

Practice or family routine affected

Support needed now

Claim or promise to avoid

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03 Consider friendship

A possible contact plan needs the actual guardians' agreement.

Possible friendship step

Guardian decision needed

Contact or visit boundary

Confirmed arrangement or unavailable step

04 Continue the duty

Let the appropriate person own the changed team or family responsibility.

Assignment needing a new owner

Responsible coach or adult

Arrangement actually confirmed

Next check and remaining concern