

Give the agent the coordination. Keep the decision.

A household agent earns its place on logistics — the calendar, the school inbox, the what-is-for-dinner question. It loses its place the moment it starts committing the family to things nobody read. Here is where the line sits.

TASK	HAND IT OVER	WHY
Who is where today	Yes	Read-only summary of sources you already control; a wrong line is caught by looking.
Extracting dates from email	Yes	Additive and visible — it writes into a calendar you review.
Travel time between events	Yes	Live lookup that makes a plan survivable; nothing is committed.
Drafting the weekly meal plan	Yes	A draft invites a veto; a shopping order does not.
Pre-filling a permission slip	Fill, don't send	Filled and waiting beats sent and wrong. A human checks and hands it in.
Paying a bill or booking a class	Not without approval	Money and commitments are the two things a home cannot undo quietly.
Deciding what the family does	Never	A brief lays out the day; it does not choose the day.

Five rules for a household agent

- 1 Start with one shared pain**
The school inbox, or weeknight dinners. One job working beats six half-working.
- 2 Give it its own identity where you can**
A separate account with scoped access is easier to audit and revoke than your own login.
- 3 Split shared and private context from day one**
Household facts in the shared store; anything personal stays personal.
- 4 Pre-fill never becomes auto-submit**
Anything reaching a school, club or clinic gets a human read first.
- 5 Audit what it wrote into the calendar for two weeks**
A mis-parsed date is worse than no agent at all.

THE TEST

If the worst realistic outcome is a wrong summary you would notice and fix, schedule it. If the worst outcome is money moved, a commitment made, or a form submitted to a third party, put a human in front of the last click.