

Exemplar discussion guidelines for exploratory talk

- Everyone in the group is encouraged to contribute.
- Contributions are treated with respect.
- Reasons are asked for.
- Everyone is prepared to accept challenges.
- Alternatives are discussed before a decision is taken.
- All relevant information is shared.
- The group seeks to reach agreement.

A 'child friendly' version of discussion guidelines:

Our rules for exploratory talk:

1. We will talk together to think about what to do.
2. We will share what we know with each other.
3. We will ask everyone to say what they think.
4. Everyone will listen carefully to others and consider what we hear.
5. We will give reasons for what we say.
6. We will pay attention and try to think of good ideas.
7. We will decide what to do only when everyone has said all they want.
8. We will try to agree about what we think.