

Ground rules 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 ground rules for Exploratory Talk:

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