

Let's Work Together Conversation Plan

Please answer these practical questions to enable you to draw a plan together.

How will you set up your environment?

How will you begin the conversation?

What are the key points you wish to get across?

What are you going to do if your child doesn't say anything?

What are you going to do if your child begins to argue?

Please complete the other side of this document, print it out, and have it with you when you speak with your child (I've printed it in a large font so you'll be able to read it from a distance if necessary). If you need to refer to this side during the conversation that's ok. Don't feel you need to hide anything from your child.

Beginning

- Thank your child in an appropriate way which doesn't sound clumsy.
- Tell them for the past few days you've been working on improving your relationship with them
- Tell them the key points (write the key points in the box below – copied from the other side)

Middle

- Bearing in mind the preparatory work you've done, engage with your child around the key points of the conversation.
- Actively listen with love and kindness.
- Remember all of the points we've discussed over the past few days. Especially the one about you not being right all of the time!

End

- It's really important that your child realises that you want to understand them. You want to work with them.
- Again, thank your child in an appropriate way which doesn't sound clumsy.