Effective mathematical collaboration depends on these skills:

- Listening
- Asking questions – to help you understand your thinking
- Asking questions – to help you understand what someone else is saying
- Explaining by telling how and why
- Helping others - by responding to their needs
- Helping others - to do things for themselves
- Showing others how to do things
- Finding out what others think - asking for, listening to and making sense of their ideas
- Thinking about and making use of what has been said
- Being clear when telling others about your thinking
- Giving reasons for ideas
- Allowing everyone to take part
- Pulling ideas together - sharing listening, valuing everyone’s ideas
- Finding out if the group is ready to make a decision.