A Child's Turn in the Family Meeting

One concern. One request. One honest answer.

A child's input deserves a real hearing and a clear answer about what the family can actually change.

Example: papers are moved before homework is finished. The child requests a tray; the family assigns its location and checks it next week.

01 Define the decision

Make the meeting's authority and scope honest.

Subject open for input

Adult responsibility retained

Question child can answer

Way child will contribute

02 Prepare the child's turn

Keep the concern specific and understandable.

What actually happened

Effect on child's task

Request for change

Words adult will summarize

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03 Answer the request

State its real decision status.

Accepted, changed, or declined

Reason for the answer

Fact still to check

Person checking that fact

04 Follow through

Review the arrangement rather than the meeting's tone.

Action owner

Promised review time

Change actually observed

Next adjustment to discuss