

# working together at school

Working together is important in sport, at home and at school. In many ways, working together is similar to teamwork. In a team everyone relies on each other and helps each other. If everyone in a team works well together, they will perform better than a group of people who do not work together. When a team does work well together, they can also improve. Working with other people in a team can also be fun.

## ➤ Think of some examples of when it was fun working in a team.

Some of the reasons why it is helpful to work together are:

- Different people can do different things, rather than one person doing everything
- You can get the work done faster
- You can have other people to talk with about what you are doing
- You can do more with a group than by yourself

## ➤ How else can working together be helpful?

When you work by yourself you often don't have to think or worry about anyone else. But when you work in a team, you do have to think about others, which is why it is good to remember a few things to help you work with others.

To help you work in a team:

- **Listen to other people** and do not interrupt
- Wait your turn to speak
- Make sure that everyone is able to make suggestions
- Make sure you **share your thoughts**
- Write down what each person has to do
- Make sure that you share the jobs and that one or two people do not do all of the work and others do hardly any work
- Get together and see how everyone in your team is going
- Encourage each other

## ➤ What are some other important things to remember when working together?