An agreement that can be followed

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Read the original text. You may underline evidence and reread as needed.

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Two groups share a community room. The music group needs time to pack away instruments; the language group needs a quiet start for its evening class. Their draft agreement says, "Leave the room promptly and be considerate." Both groups support the sentiment, but neither knows exactly when the room must be ready.

At a joint meeting, each group explains its underlying need. The music group asks for fifteen minutes to clear equipment. The language group says learners arrive at 18: 45 and need access then. They agree that music will finish at 18: 25, packing will end by 18: 40 and a designated member will check the floor and return the key.

The language group accepts that occasional events may require a different arrangement, provided a request is made a week in advance and both coordinators confirm it. Silence does not count as agreement.

The revised document also states what to do if the room is not ready: contact the named coordinator rather than move someone else's equipment. The groups will review the arrangement after a month. They have not removed every possibility of conflict, but they have turned vague goodwill into obligations that people can follow and discuss.

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