

Code of Conduct

EPTA is a professional organisation; therefore members should adopt the highest standards of professional integrity in all their contacts with pupils, parents, colleagues and other professionals, at all times and in all places. This specifically involves:

1. conduct which will not bring the Association or their profession into disrepute;
2. acting responsibly and with respect for the rights and opinions of others, and being circumspect in any criticism of them;
3. displaying loyalty to the Association, and promoting its work in a way which encourages others to join;
4. registering recommendations or complaints, if any, through the appropriate channel - Regional Organiser, Committee member or Administrator;
5. organising their affairs in an efficient and businesslike manner.

For all teachers this means:

1. establishing a clear contract with your pupils or their responsible adults (see Model Contract on page 52 of the Handbook - copies available from the Administrator);
2. ensuring that you and the premises from which you are working are equipped to a proper professional standard for the teaching you undertake (see Advice notes);
3. maintaining courtesy, respect and confidentiality in all your dealings with pupils, and never putting them in, or allowing them to put you in any situation which could be construed as compromising;
4. avoiding exaggerated claims in advertising and only offering to teach those who approach you.

Any serious breach of this code should be brought to the attention of the Administration and, if it persists, could lead to expulsion from the Association.