

## **A TEACHER'S CODE**

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*Points for teachers to ponder pray over and examine themselves.  
Helpful for Teachers meetings and seminars.*

### **1 am a Teacher.**

- I will Endeavour to be worthy of my high calling, for the future belongs to the youngsters committed to my care.
- I'll do all in my power, to teach them how to be the persons their parents, their Church and their country desire them to be.
- I will teach more by example than by precept, remembering that the impressions made by teachers in early years are not easily erased.
- I will improve myself in every way possible, so that I may have the knowledge and skills to be an effective teacher of my pupils' minds and hearts.
- I'll seek to develop in my pupils the love of learning.
- I'll show personal appreciation for each child entrusted to me and I'll strive to help them to appreciate one another.
- I will consider my work as a vocation rather than a profession, knowing there are greater rewards than a rise in salary.
- I will look upon teaching as a cherished goal in itself, rather than a stepping-stone to a more lucrative occupation.
- I will be regular and prompt in being present on time for my class.
- I will so order my life that, whether on duty or off duty, I will be one whom the parents may safely entrust with the care of their children.
- I will daily seek the help of the Great Teacher that I may discharge my duties faithfully.

### **A CHILD'S UNEXPRESS EXPECTATIONS FROM HIS TEACHER**

- Teacher, I come to you for guidance in this troubled world. So many things seem insecure, unstable and changeable. I look for certainty and security
- Do not leave any doubts in my mind as to the worthwhile-ness of an honest life and the nobility of character. .
- Lead me, guide me, and have faith in me.
- Be sincere and straightforward with me.
- Teach me, especially to grow in goodness of mind and soul.
- Teach me a way of life, which will build confidence in myself and in others..
- If I am conceited, help me to be humble; if I am diffident, help me to gain confidence.
- Treat me as your friend and companion.
- Acquainted with the noblest and best things life has to offer.
- Help me to come to school willingly, without fear of being laughed at or punished for things that I can't help.
- Avoid all sarcasm, irony and criticism when you speak to me.
- Do not hold me up to ridicule
- When you correct me, speak to me alone and without passion.
- Study my educational needs, and adapt your methods to them
- Make your teaching simple and relevant so that difficult lessons be made easy and enjoyable.
- Remember that I am the most important subject.
- Never humiliate me because of my lack of understanding.

- Cause me to be critical of my own work, and evaluate my own conduct.
- Inspire me with a burning zeal to do my best, to speak the truth, and to live a noble life.
- I do not wish to remain a child. Help me grow up gradually.
- Make me realize the joy that comes in using my talents to full capacity.
- Help me to make my own decisions and use my freedom responsibly.
- Open my mind and heart to the beautiful things in art, in literature and nature.
- Teach me good sportsmanship so that I may always play fairly.
- Show me how to be a good loser and an honorable winner.
- And above all, teach me how to be always true to myself.

