

RED KITE TEACHER TRAINING TRAINEE CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that as successful completion of this course leads to admission to a professional body, I am required, during my studies, to adhere to the expectations of conduct endorsed by the teaching profession. I understand that breaches of these expectations may lead to disciplinary action including my exclusion from the course and/or the inability of Red Kite Teacher Training to provide me with a supportive professional reference. I am required to complete a health assessment form which will be forwarded to the University of Leeds Occupational Health Service and, where necessary, comply with requirements for further discussion/examination as appropriate.

I undertake to behave in a manner appropriate to my position as a trainee teacher and understand that behaviour including, for example, dishonesty, indecency, harassment, bullying, violence, abuse of drugs or alcohol will lead to disciplinary action, which may include consideration of any criminal conviction, whether or not the offence(s) are directly related to my studies. I further undertake to inform the SCITT Director, without delay, should I be subject to a criminal conviction or caution after the submission of my application for DBS Enhanced Disclosure. I understand that a criminal conviction or caution may lead to my suspension or expulsion from some or all aspects of the course and that this may lead to the need for my studies to be extended or curtailed. I also understand that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1975) does not apply to the teaching profession and that should I be subject to a criminal conviction or caution it will never be considered “spent”. I recognise that in the course of my studies I will be placed in a position of trust and that as such I am subject to the requirements of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2000. I understand that any DBS clearance obtained by Red Kite Teacher Training relates to my position on its course and does not guarantee that I will be cleared fit for future employment as a teacher.

I will at all times treat pupils, colleagues, staff and any other members of Red Kite Teacher Training with due respect and conduct myself in a professional, honest, decent and courteous manner. I will use language appropriate to the situation and people involved. I will accept my responsibility to ensure that pupils are treated with respect and are free from abuse. In schools, I will always work in a place which is accessible to others and in which I can be observed working. I will not take or agree to meet, pupils outside school premises without another responsible adult present. I will not make unnecessary physical contact with pupils. I will report any suspicion that a child is being abused to the school's named person. I will acquire an understanding of working with diversity, including gender, race and culture, in order to work with pupils, staff and parents appropriately. I will be mindful of the difficulties some groups may face and ensure personal prejudices and stereotypical views do not influence my judgements or actions. I understand that I will have access to confidential personal information and that I am required to comply with Data Protection and Child Protection legislation. I understand that I may not disclose this information to any third party, other than in accordance with the conventions regarding use of personal information for use in research for the purposes of completing assignments or in accordance with the law and code of ethics agreed for the assignment. Any personal information used in assignments or tasks will have all means of identifying the subject removed. I will take particular care to ensure the safety of any data relating to a third party whilst in transit

and be careful to ensure any such data held on a mobile device is uploaded to the secure storage made available and then deleted from the mobile device. I will at all times ensure that any photographs or digital images are acquired under the terms of the policy of the relevant school.

I will ensure that I maintain, both in the centre and in schools, a standard of dress that will be perceived as professional by such persons as I may encounter in the pursuit of my studies. The content of the course meets the requirements of Qualified Teacher Status and the Postgraduate Certificate in Education awarded by the University of Leeds and I will pursue my studies with due diligence, ensuring that I avail myself of the educational opportunities made available. I will take responsibility for my own learning through punctual attendance at lectures, workshops and periods of school experience and through being suitably prepared for them. I will notify Red Kite Teacher Training, in accordance with the guidelines issued, if I am to be absent from any part of the course, due to sickness or other reasons, and I will make up the lost learning opportunities. I will immediately inform Red Kite Teacher Training if I am suffering from an infectious disease such as chicken pox, German measles (rubella), impetigo, measles, scarlet fever and slapped cheek disease, (Parvovirus). I will not disrupt the delivery of teaching or the learning experience of fellow trainee teachers and will not jeopardise the health and safety of those involved, in any setting.

I understand that attendance at professional development sessions is compulsory and I will ensure that I register at each session. I undertake to complete the appropriate absence forms and to make up work missed through illness or other circumstances covered within the Red Kite Teacher Training Absence Policy. I will be prepared for sessions to start promptly and ensure I have made adequate arrangements to be in on time, not using traffic as an excuse for lateness. I will not leave a session once it has started without seeking permission from the session leader. I understand that records of attendance and lateness will be kept by Red Kite Teacher Training and may be used as evidence when awarding qualifications or writing references. I will submit work in accordance with the instructions in the handbook. I will ensure I know and maintain at all times the school policy on control, rewards and punishment, recognising that it is illegal to use physical means of punishment.

I will have due regard to the safety of pupils at all times as outlined by Section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and the extension of the regulations to trainee teachers for employment (1994) which place a duty on me to take reasonable care for the health and safety of myself and anyone else who may be affected by my acts or omissions, and to co-operate as much as necessary in full compliance with the obligations imposed on my employer by health and safety legislation.

I understand that if I behave dishonestly during the assessment process (including plagiarism or other forms of cheating) or in relation to my attendance, I will be subject to disciplinary action which may result in the termination of my training.