



# **The London Acorn School Lower School Code & Principles**

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- Honour one another, value your childhood and be courteous, chivalrous and honourable.
- **Mens sana in corpore sano' (Healthy mind, healthy body, healthy spirit).**  
Honour your body. Keep it fit and strong, resisting temptations to copy what goes on around you in the world that does not honour the human being.  
Honour the dress code each day you attend school.  
Take fresh air each break time, outside the classroom.
- Honour and respect your parents, teachers and adults who have grown up through your age. They generally know best from experience. Although older people may seem 'worn', they may have been athletes, writers, parents, and have probably achieved great things before they became old. Always assume that older people have learned a lot from their experience of life, and have done what you are doing now, and have felt like you feel now.
- **Servabo Fidem' (I will keep faith)**  
Honour and value your school, and the origins of the knowledge that your teachers bring to you. Value the study that has gone into writing the books that are used by your teachers.  
Honour your class teacher and support them every day as they come to school for you. Your class teacher has the wisdom that you need for life, as do your subject teachers.
- Look up to the older children. Get to know them. They too were once where you are now, thought like you do, and have had the same feelings as you have.
- Resist criticising your teachers to others. Remember that they come to school every day to teach you with love, commitment and enthusiasm.
- Remember that others are entitled to their own opinions, and do not need to mirror yours.
- Nothing in the world can be boring, but people can be bored. Boredom is an illness of youth.
- Respect paper and value the trees that gave the paper for you to write on. Each tree takes many years to grow, so any waste of paper disturbs nature. Each book, including Main Lesson and subject books, should be cared for at all times. Never leave spaces in your books. In your new general workbook, do not even leave a line. Value used paper, by recycling.
- Put all your best efforts into every lesson, without exception, and always work hard to produce your best work. Avoid all doodling and graffiti. It does not belong in school.
- **'Exemplo Ducemus' (By example we lead)**  
This is a family school, so the younger children will benefit from your involvement with them at break times. Turn a skipping rope, play games with them, set examples, and be kind. You can have a profound effect on younger children.



Be kind and welcoming to new members of your class, who may feel uncomfortable at first.

Do not tell lies and do not rundown other children to your friends

- Keep the classroom tidy at all times.
- Honour all areas of the school and help to keep them tidy.
- Help to keep your classroom tidy, ordered and a joy to enter in the morning.
- Do not be late for school but be early.
- Ensure that you have whatever you wish to drink at breaks and use the lavatories during break times.
- Attend all lessons two minutes before time, ready to work, with the proper equipment, so that lessons begin on time.

**If you uphold these principles and value our school, you will help to make this a unique place, in which it is a privilege to be educated.**