

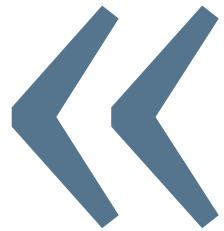
So much depends upon a red wheel barrow

*On the role of the teacher*



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The teacher is given the responsibility to implement and oversee kindergarten's pedagogical practices using sound professional judgement.



# Professional ethics for the teaching profession

We are a profession of teachers and leaders in early childhood education and in primary and secondary schools. Our political mandate is to promote learning, development and building of character for all children and pupils.

Our values, attitudes and actions influence the impact of our work. These ethical principles constitute a common ground for the development of our ethical awareness. It is our responsibility to act in accordance with these values and principles.

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## Basic values of the teaching profession

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### Human values and human rights

Our work is founded on values and principles set down in universal human rights, especially the UN convention on the rights of children. These rights must be promoted and defended in early childhood education and in schools. The inviolability of human individual freedom and the need for safety and care are fundamental.

### Professional integrity

Ethical consciousness and high professional competence are the basis of the profession's integrity and are essential in creating good conditions for play, learning and bildung. Our right to methodological freedom and our professional discretion gives us a special responsibility to be open about our academic and pedagogical choices. Society should be confident that we use our professional autonomy both properly and ethically.

### Respect and equality

Each individual person's personality and integrity must be met with respect. No form of oppression, indoctrination or prejudiced opinions shall be tolerated. All children in early childhood education and all pupils in schools have a right to participate and have their views heard and taken into account. They shall have a right to freedom within the framework of the education community.

### Privacy

Adherence to confidentiality and information standards is crucial in our work. Everyone has a right to privacy. Personal information must be managed in ways that protect the integrity and dignity of children, pupils, parents and colleagues. Electronic information dissemination requires a special critical awareness.

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