

Code of Practice

1. Staff are required to act in 'loco parentis' when considering the academic needs and welfare of the students. Staff have a professional duty to take all reasonable steps to promote the safeguarding of all children in the care of CAE in accordance with the CAE Child Protection Policy 2009, the British Council Accreditation scheme and the Children's Act 1989.
2. All members of staff are asked to comply with CAE Health and Safety Policy, a copy of which you will be asked to sign.
3. All tuition, afternoon, evening and weekend activities given on CAE courses should be carefully prepared. The Director of Studies/ Social Organiser are entitled to view lesson plans/preparatory materials and to visit or observe classes/activities, or to authorise others to do so.
4. Teachers are required to submit schemes of work, weekly plans, to keep an attendance register for all their classes and to ensure as far as possible the attendance and good conduct of students in their class. Teachers will be asked to write/ contribute to reports on student progress and achievement. Homework and follow up work should be set daily as appropriate and monitored.
5. Staff should pay attention to punctuality, leaving adequate preparation time before the start of lessons and activities and adequate tidying up time at the end.
6. Staff should promote cultural awareness, understanding and respect in all aspects of the programme. Staff should be particularly aware of different attitudes to boundaries, dress, personal space and sensitive topics.
7. There is no strict dress code but staff are expected to dress appropriately according to activity and with sensitivity to the cultural differences of their students. Footwear is to be worn in classrooms and on excursions.
8. Staff should set and maintain high standards of behaviour both in and out of the school and do their best to ensure that the CAE rules are observed.
9. Staff should be conscious of professional boundaries, especially when dealing with children. Staff should be aware of their body language, and avoid physical contact except in situations where the use is intended to prevent harm. In situations where contact is unavoidable, staff should take all reasonable measures to make sure it is unreciprocated and public.
10. Staff should not swear in front of students and should not allow the use of inappropriate language by students to go unchallenged. Staff should encourage the use of English at all times.
11. Staff are recommended not to disclose personal email addresses or mobile numbers to allow students to add them as "Friends" on social networking sites. All communication with children should be through public channels.
12. Any photographs taken of the students on the course are the property of CAE and must not be shared publicly or used for anything other than official CAE purposes.
13. Staff should treat other members of the staff body with professional respect at all times especially in the presence of students. Staff are expected to foster a happy and productive working atmosphere and develop and maintain positive relations with the student body, host school staff, visiting parents and agents and the local community.
14. Staff are responsible for ensuring that CAE property is used with respect, care and economy, both by themselves and by students.
15. Staff are asked to comply with any security requirements and to be vigilant about their own property, encouraging students to behave similarly.
16. Drinking alcohol or smoking in the presence of students is not acceptable. Any drinking of alcohol which impacts on staff or students and may be detrimental to the performance of professional duties will result in disciplinary action.
17. Staff have a duty to report any concerns or anything deemed suspicious relating to staff and or students.
18. Staff are expected to adhere to the highest professional standards of integrity, to identify with the best interests of CAE in all respects and to give positive thought to the ways in which the effectiveness of CAE courses could be improved.

I have read the above and agree to fulfil its requirements.

Name:

Signature:

Date: