The Wolds and Vale Moral Code

In the spirit of Friendship, Truthfulness and Honesty:

1. We will create a secure learning environment.

Make sure children feel safe to take risks. Encourage them to have a go. Never allow put-downs.

2. We won't provide all the answers.

Encourage children to find out for themselves. Provide opportunities for exploration and experimentation. Develop a culture of thinking where everyone's opinion is valued.

3. We will give meaningful feedback rather than marks.

Make sure your feedback is constructive and meaningful, so learners know what direction to go next. It's not about a mark or level. It's about learning.

4. We will build a community in our classrooms.

Ensure everyone is part of the learning community. Be part of it yourself. Arrange groups in a variety of ways, so that everyone is included. Make sure they know how to work with everyone.

5. We will model persistence.

Talk about yourself as a learner. Share your own failures and what you learn from them. Admit what you don't know. Find out together.

6. We will always display a positive attitude.

Focus on what *is* possible, not what's not. Encourage learners to be positive. Focus on what they *can* do, not what they can't.

7. We will model flexibility.

There isn't only one way to do things. There isn't only one right answer. There isn't only one path.

8. We will let children fight their own battles.

Listen to all sides of the story. Help them develop empathy. But don't solve their problems for them.

9. Differentiate.

Everyone can learn. Ensure learners have options that cater for differing abilities, learning styles, preferences and interests.

10. We won't make all the decisions.

Allow children choices. Talk about potential obstacles and brainstorm possible solutions. Then let them do it their way…