



## **CODE OF ETHICAL PRACTICE BWY Diploma Holders and Teachers of Accredited Bodies**

Teachers should comply with the principles of good, ethical practice as listed below:

- Respect the right, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally within the context of yoga.
- Place the well-being and safety of the student above the development of the practice. They should follow all guidelines laid down by The British Wheel of Yoga and hold appropriate insurance cover.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with students (especially children), based on mutual trust and respect. Teachers must not exert influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Encourage and guide students to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and practice.
- Hold up-to-date and nationally recognised Governing Body teaching qualifications (e.g. The British Wheel of Yoga Teaching Diploma and Children's Module).
- Ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Clarify with students at the outset (and where appropriate with their parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from the teacher.
- Cooperate fully with other specialists (e.g. other teachers, doctors, etc.) in the best interests of the student.
- Always promote the positive aspects of yoga (e.g. non-competitiveness) and never condone rule violations such as bullying.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.\*

**The BWY Equity Policy is available from the website or the EWM (see below)**

**Concerns relating to Equity issues may be sent to:**

**The Equity & Welfare Manager, BWY Central Office, 25 Jermyn Street,  
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**Tel: 01268 775750 or email: [cpandequity@bwy.org.uk](mailto:cpandequity@bwy.org.uk)**

**see also [www.bwy.org.uk](http://www.bwy.org.uk) - Child Protection and Equity & Ethics**

- taken and adapted from Sportscoach UK's Code of Ethics and Conduct