

# AUKANA

## Teacher Code of Conduct

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All teachers at the Aukana Trust are committed to the Teachings of the Buddha and to the 5 Precepts as the basic guide for living an ethical life.

1. We undertake the precept to refrain from killing or harming living beings.
2. We undertake the precept to refrain from stealing or taking what is not offered freely.
3. We undertake the precept to refrain from sexual misconduct.\*
4. We undertake the precept to refrain from all forms of wrong speech.\*\*
5. We undertake the precept to refrain from intoxicants that cause heedlessness and confusion.

### **Confidentiality**

All communication between teacher and student is presumed to be confidential, unless the teacher feels that silence would cause harm and that it would be more beneficial to the student or others if information were shared with the appropriate person or authorities.

That one Teacher consults another about a student on matters related to spiritual training is not to be considered a breach of confidentiality as all teachers are under the same rule and teachers must be free to share information for the benefit of the student.

\* A sexual relationship is never appropriate between teacher and student. It is possible that a teacher and student may genuinely like one another and wish to enter into a relationship. In this case there must be a clear understanding from both parties that the teacher-student relationship has ended before a relationship begins.

\*\* The teachers endeavour to follow the advice of the Buddha to make speech timely, true, purposeful and spoken with a heart of loving-kindness, and to refrain from slander, gossip, telling lies and harsh speech.