# Angel Kindergarten Academic Integrity Policy

## **Our Mission**

We nurture students to take on challenges, care for and collaborate with others

#### **Our Vision**

We strive to create a community which promotes lifelong learning and knowledgeable international minded people.

Our children will grow into adults who are kindhearted and take on challenges.

#### Rationale

The Academic Integrity Policy is our way of acknowledging academic honesty and how we strive to develop it within our school for everyone's wellbeing. We seek to cultivate and develop the students' understanding of honesty, fairness, respect and responsibility. This will create a basis for students to become thinkers, principled and caring towards their own and others' ideas and creations.

## Age appropriate aim

It is important to understand that academic integrity looks different depending on the age. Because we are an early years school, our aim is to cultivate and develop the students' habits and awareness rather than setting strict rules against malpractice. This will develop a foundation for students which can be developed further as they continue their journey towards becoming internationally minded.

#### Student responsibility

It is important that students understand their strengths and what opportunities for development they have. Students will develop goals and strive towards achieving them. Students will develop an awareness of how to respect one's own and others' development and creations. However, we also see the benefit of students learning how to develop their approaches to learning through imitation. Students will develop to become principled and how to best acknowledge and celebrate each other's ideas, contributions and creations.

## **Teacher responsibility**

As teachers we are responsible for supporting the students in their development of academic honesty awareness. As teachers we do not decide on our own on what is appropriate but discuss it as a school.

Teachers will scaffold as necessary in order to elicit awareness and behavior. For example, we may ask who contributed to group creations and in what way, if we have celebrated each other's ideas and creations, or if we have shown appreciation towards each other. Students will also have the opportunity to reflect on their ideas and creations. Teachers will also support the students in their development of self-management skills and create a positive atmosphere so they can become more self-confident. Teachers encourage students' development of creativity and celebrate their contributions and creations. Teachers will also make sure to celebrate the creations of other creators, such as authors of books, to support the understanding of academic honesty.

## Community responsibility

It is vital that not only students and teachers respect the value of academic integrity but that the school community as a whole does. Parents or guardians support their children in their development of awareness at home by celebrating the creations of their own child and others. We can also contribute through celebrating creators such as authors, artists, organizations and companies.

This concludes Angel-Kindergarten's Academic Integrity Policy.