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[www.ethiconlineireland.weebly.com](http://www.ethiconlineireland.weebly.com)

Ethics Resource Center:  
[www.ethics.org](http://www.ethics.org)

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy:  
[www.iep.utm.edu/ethics](http://www.iep.utm.edu/ethics)

### For Fun:

Harvard Moral Sense Test:  
<http://moral.wjh.harvard.edu/index2.html>

The Good, The Bad And The  
Difference:  
[http://www.randomhouse.com/quizzes/  
index.cgi?ethicist](http://www.randomhouse.com/quizzes/index.cgi?ethicist)

### Movies:

- The Diving Bell and The Butterfly
- The Kids Are Alright

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# Ethics For Everyone



The Benefits of an  
Ethical  
Education

## What is Ethics?

Ethics is the inquiry into the nature and grounds of right and wrong. It is a set of rules or standards governing the conduct by which we live our lives and involves a level of deep inner thinking when making responsible decisions. It helps us answer questions such as “What should I do?” Like building blocks that form a solid structure; ethics ultimately develops the foundations of who you are and what you believe.



## Why is Ethics Important?

- Parents and teachers have a duty to equip future generations with the knowledge and capacity to critically analyse situations and reason for themselves, which is important for their personal journeys towards becoming responsible adults.
- Ethical principles act as a mediator when making decisions that affect others and therefore personal ethics are in fact social ethics.
- In recent years the field of Applied Ethics has rapidly developed, this is the application of ethical reasoning to complex issues such as; world poverty, the environment, scientific research, war and peace, etc. It is difficult to obtain a consensus on these issues because not everyone shares the same beliefs and ideas.
- Professionals such as solicitors, doctors, nurses, and the armed forces are all required to follow specific codes of ethics and are therefore obliged to study ethical issues as part of their training.
- Many of the problems modern society faces are not the result of a lack of knowledge or education. Unethical situations arise not because people are uninformed; but because they use certain knowledge unethically. Teachers need to do more than teach students a basic set of rules; because situations are not always black and white, knowing what is right does not mean we know how to act ethically, teachers need to teach students how to reason about ethical situations and then act in an ethical manner.

