## MEMO FROM YOUR STUDENT

Dear Teacher,

Please help me build my self esteem.

Please be patient with me - in some areas

I may be a late bloomer.

I need my sense of dignity so please don't belittle me in front of people. I will take more notice if you talk

quietly with me in private.

I need to feel good about myself so please don't ridicule me or imply that my inappropriate behaviour means that lam bad. It erodes my sense of worthiness.

Please don't shout or nag. If you do I shall have to protect myself by appearing to be deaf.

Don't be too upset if sometimes I seem to fight you. It's not you I dislike but your power over me.

When you experience some aggravating people on the way to school, please don't take it out on me.

I want to respect you, but I can only respect you

as much as you show respect to me.

I am capable of more than you may imagine -please help me to blossom and reach my potential by giving me lots of encouragement and appreciation.

The more I feel safe and protected, the more

of my inner beauty I will risk showing.

Please don't compare me with anyone else.

Like me for what I am.

Please remember that I can't thrive without a lot of understanding and love ... but I don't need to tell you, do 1?

P.S. I love you more than I will ever say