



Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools

Our Federation's mission is to work together to create successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

With our values we aim to:

- Provide a Christian ethos relevant to all areas of school life
- Ensure a happy and caring environment in which all children and adults feel safe and can express their individuality
- Have high expectations for children in our care by providing an appropriate challenging curriculum which is inclusive and accessible to all
- Expect high standards of behaviour throughout the federation
- Ensure equal opportunities for all
- Model and nurture good social, physical and spiritual development
- Celebrate achievement in all areas
- Ensure Governors are committed and involved in the life of the federation
- Liaise effectively with parents, guardians, carers and the wider community
- Foster an awareness of and respect for the environment

Charging Policy

Formally adopted by the Governing Body/ Trust of:-	Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools
On:-	
Chair of Governors/Trustees:-	Sheila Watts
Last updated:-	September 2018

Charges for School Activities

Legislation allows schools to charge for certain activities, which take place both inside and outside school hours. Norfolk County Council has adopted a policy, which it recommends to governors. ***The Governing Body of the Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools has agreed to adopt this policy.***

The School's charging policy is described in our brochure, which can be obtained from the website.

These are the activities and materials for which you will be charged:

- Music tuition: individual tuition in playing a musical instrument, which is neither part of the syllabus for an approved public examination, nor part of the National Curriculum. Schools may charge for instrumental tuition given to groups of no more than four pupils.
- Ingredients and materials: ingredients and materials for practical subjects where parents have indicated in advance that they wish to receive the finished articles.
- Travel: the cost of travel when a pupil makes use of transport not provided by the authority or school, to travel direct from home to an activity approved of, but not provided by, the authority or school.
- Board and lodging: board and lodging will be charged in all cases where a school activity involves pupils in nights away from home.



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Activities outside school hours

A charge will be made for all non-residential activities, which take place wholly, or more than 50% outside school hours, where the child's participation has been agreed in advance by the parents. The charge will include the cost of travel, entrance fees, insurance, books, equipment and any staff (teaching or non-teaching) engaged specifically for the activity.

Residential trips outside school hours - a residential trip is deemed to take place outside school hours if the number of 'missed' school sessions is less than half of the number of half days taken up by the trip. Charges will be made as described above.

Public Examinations - charges are made for the entry of a pupil for a prescribed examination for which he/she has not been prepared by the school, or where the pupil entered for examinations in the same subject with two examination boards.

Remission of charges - only parents who are in receipt of Income Support, Working Families' Credit, Disabled Person's Tax Credit or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance are eligible for remission of charges. Remission of charges only applies to board and lodgings charges, which are levied directly by the LA or the school and where they relate to activities, deemed to take place wholly or partly in school hours.

Remission will not apply to such charges when they relate to activities wholly outside school hours, except if the activity is prescribed in a syllabus for a public examination, if it is prescribed by the National Curriculum or fulfils duties relating to Religious Education.

Refunds Policy

The full contribution to an activity will be refunded if a child is absent due to illness.

If a trip has to be cancelled parental contributions will be refunded.

If contributions to an activity exceed the total cost a refund will be given if excess is over £7/child.

Excess income less than £7/child will be paid into school fund account.

Excess of expenditure will be funded by school fund.

Parents who have difficulty meeting any charges should discuss the matter in confidence with the Head of School.

Review date: September 2019