



The Swallowtail Federation

of Church Schools



Catfield VC CofE
Primary School

Sutton VC CofE
Infant School

Hickling VC CofE
Infant School





Welcome...

Natalie Butcher, Executive Headteacher

Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision. We hope our prospectus gives a flavour of what's on offer at The Swallowtail Federation – a family of three small schools situated in the heart of the Broads.

Each of our schools has a wonderful family feel where the children are nurtured by dedicated staff. The individual attention they receive enables our children to become confident and capable learners. All our schools have an Ofsted rating of 'Good'.

Being small does not limit the opportunities on offer – we draw on the expertise we have across the Federation and beyond, and work together to deliver a varied and creative curriculum, making the most of the wonderful outside areas at all three schools.

Read on to learn about what's on offer, and even better, come and visit us!



There is a harmonious atmosphere in the school. You are rightly

proud of pupils' behaviour. Ofsted, 2017 (Hickling)

Three schools, one family

Each year we admit up to 45 children from our local area into our Swallowtail Federation Schools. Each of the three schools has its own personality, as you will see in the following pages, but we also work really well together as a Federation.

We see Swallowtail as a community made up of the children, staff and parents. We share resources, experiences and ideas. Our teachers plan together and learn from each other. We have 'House Teams' across the Federation so the children make friends from the other schools and come together for events and experiences through the year.

Our schools

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We also have a pre-school at Hickling for children aged 2 and older, and an Early Years class at Catfield, for children aged 3 and up.

We believe the class structure in small schools has a number of advantages:

- Members of staff get to know each child extremely well
- Children are seen as individuals and work is adapted to suit each child's ability
- There is a 'family' atmosphere, often lacking in larger schools
- Younger children look up to the older ones and raise their standard accordingly
- Older children take responsibility for the younger ones



Being part of the Federation is having a significant beneficial

impact on the quality of education provided. Ofsted, 2019 (Sutton)

Bringing learning to life

Our Federation Vision Statement is 'With friendship, trust and kindness we fly!' (Love your neighbour as yourself. Mark 12:30-31).

Much of your child's work in school will be practical, investigational and based on problem solving related to real situations. Learning is exciting; we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make learning enjoyable and challenging.

We share ideas and knowledge across our schools – some staff work across all three so we have an RE specialist and a Languages specialist working with the children.

Outdoor Learning

Our schools are in extensive grounds and we take full advantage of this with regular outside learning opportunities. We have Forest Schools trained staff at all schools.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

All Swallowtail schools are inclusive – we work to meet all children's individual needs. We plan and support children with special educational needs as part of normal classroom practice. We are proud of our inclusive approach. We believe all children meet their fullest potential if they are happy, nurtured and cared for.

“ You make sure that each pupil receives appropriate support to help them in their social, emotional and academic development. Inspection evidence confirms that parents' confidence in your approach is well placed. One parent accurately noted that pupils, 'whatever their level of need, feel important, part of the school, not [left out] and not made to feel different'. ”

Ofsted, 2019 (Catfield)



You are successfully maintaining the caring, inclusive ethos that parents and

carers greatly value and of which staff are justifiably proud. Ofsted, 2019 (Catfield)

Hickling VC Church of England Infant and Pre-School

We aim to provide a stimulating and fun environment where quality teaching and learning takes place every day – we put our children at the heart of everything we do.

We have a beautiful outside space which includes a field and garden area where we grow our own vegetables. We also run Forest School sessions weekly for the children.

Our pupils are proud of their school and this is reflected in their high standards of work, behaviour and attainment. We are a small hardworking and dedicated team at Hickling School, committed to ensuring our school continues to strive for excellence. We are very proud to be a vital part of our local community.



“ Hickling Infant School is one in which pupils’ personal development and welfare are provided for well. ”

Ofsted, 2017 (Hickling)

Pupils respond well to clearly understood routines and display

an infectious enthusiasm for their learning. Ofsted, 2017 (Hickling)

Sutton VC Church of England Infant School

At Sutton we have a fantastic wildlife area, large playing field, playground, library and purpose built sports hall. We make the most of our surroundings with lots of outdoor learning, including Forest Schools.

We have a single form entry at Sutton - so we don't have mixed year groups - and our children benefit from small class sizes. The library is the hub of the school - all classrooms lead off from it. Our children develop a true love of reading which we believe stays with them through their school life and beyond.

“ Leaders have made sure that the early years outdoor learning space is full of resources that help children develop their social and team-working skills. ”

Ofsted, 2019 (Sutton)



Pupils' behaviour is reflective of the school's values of kindness,

friendship and courage. Ofsted, 2019 (Sutton)

Catfield VC Church of England Primary School and Pre-School



Our school is in a wonderful location with a large playing field, garden area and hall. We enjoy our semi-rural location for Forest Schools and walks.

We welcome children from age 3 to age 11, and they benefit from small class sizes across the school. Our pre-school children get a great start to school life as they are taught alongside our Reception children by a qualified and experienced teacher.

Catfield is a small school but we offer plenty of opportunities, and can adapt to meet individual needs with our own nurture space and a warm, family feel throughout the school.

“ Pupils are attentive in lessons and go about their work with good humoured enthusiasm. The routines and kind, thoughtful behaviour established in early years are evident in pupils’ behaviour across all year groups. ”

Ofsted, 2019 (Catfield)



Teachers create productive, harmonious classrooms in which pupils

respond well to teachers’ skilful questioning. Ofsted, 2019 (Catfield)



The Diocese of Norwich Education Family

Each school in the Swallowtail Federation is an inclusive, supportive school with its own distinctive character.

As well as sharing knowledge and resources within the Federation, we are part of the wider Diocese of Norwich Education family, in which schools draw strength both from each other and from the Diocese, supporting and valuing staff.

Being part of the Diocese of Norwich education family allows schools to develop and nourish strong community links, providing opportunities and experiences across all ages and backgrounds which will allow our young people and those in the wider community to live well together.

Diocese of Norwich schools and academies are open to families of any religion, and of none, and are there to serve their local community. Although our values are deeply-rooted within the Christian faith, our approach is very much one of inclusivity; our schools are open to all and accepting of all, regardless of faith. The education offered by schools within the Diocesan family is guided by Christian values, but it is not a religious education – it encourages dignity, respect and living well together.

We are stronger together



The school enjoys an enviable reputation among parents, who are

overwhelmingly positive about the quality of education. Ofsted, 2019 (Catfield)



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