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### **The Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools Home-School Agreement – EYFS/KS1**

At the Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools we believe that the children of our school are entitled to a secure environment in which they are encouraged to become independent, self-reliant, self-disciplined and considerate to others. Our aim is to develop within each child a love of learning and to prepare pupils, as individuals, with the competence, confidence and moral values which will allow them to make a full contribution to the communities they inhabit; making the best of their abilities and enabling them to respond effectively to the changing circumstances of the modern world. It is our policy to encourage effective communication between school and home, helping to create and maintain continuity between the values of the school and those of the home. We believe that children should be encouraged to learn and to maintain an enquiring awareness of the world around them, whether they are at school or at home. To this end, parents must feel able to approach the school (via appointment), while those in school must communicate clearly and directly with parents concerning the education of their children.

#### **The rights of our parents**

Parents have a right:

- to expect the best education the school can offer in accordance with the legal requirements of the National Curriculum
- to be kept informed of their child's academic achievement by the class teacher;
- to be able to discuss any matter of concern with the class teacher, Executive Headteacher, Head of School or governors;
- to be kept informed of all school activities, with adequate notice;
- to be informed as soon as is practically possible if their child is unwell or distressed at school;
- to expect that every effort will be made to ensure a child's safety on the school premises, on school trips and whenever the child is in the school's care;
- to expect that their child's property will be respected;
- to expect that their child will be well cared for and treated fairly and equally at all times.

#### **The responsibilities of our parents**

Parents have a responsibility:

- to encourage their child to participate fully in all aspects of school life and to value the education they are offered;
- to show an interest in their child's development;
- to help and encourage their child with any school activities brought home (e.g. reading, spelling and homework);

- to ensure that their child is regular and punctual in attendance, and to notify the school promptly if their child cannot attend, clearly giving the reason why;
- to support the school, where practically possible, with its activities;
- to discuss any matters of concern with the class teacher, Executive Headteacher, Head of School or governors;
- to inform the school of any foreseeable problems;
- to encourage their child to care for the safety of others and to follow simple safety rules;
- to ensure that their child is well presented and is provided with the right clothing and equipment to take part in the school's activities;
- to label their child's property clearly.

**The responsibilities of our Federation**

The Federation has a responsibility:

- to provide a broad and balanced curriculum to meet the needs of all pupils;
- to treat all children as individuals with individual needs;
- to take all possible measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children;
- to provide opportunities for all parents/carers to receive good information about their child's learning and progress;
- to work closely with parents to support all aspects of learning;
- to work closely with parents to support all aspects of behaviour;
- to provide age appropriate homework tasks to allow learning to be supported at home;
- to aim for high academic standards and standards of behaviour in the classroom and throughout the school day;
- to be open to parents' and carers' suggestions for improvement.

Name of child .....

Signature..... (Parent / Carer)

Date .....