



13th July 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the summer holiday and therefore also prepare for the upcoming school year, I would like to take an opportunity to clarify expectations for school uniform. We believe that wearing a uniform plays a significant role in fostering a positive and productive learning environment, and I would share with you our expectation that all pupils attend school in uniform from September.

School uniform is one way in which we identify ourselves as a community of schools and we believe that it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. We believe that school uniform makes a positive contribution to the culture within our school and to the learning which takes place. It is Avanti Trust policy that all pupils in its' schools throughout all years, starting from nursery and reception up until Year 11 should wear a school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. An advantage of school uniform is its role in enhancing on-site and off-site (school trips) safety and security. With a distinct uniform, identification of our pupils becomes easier, ensuring the overall safety of our pupils is improved. The act of dressing appropriately for school in uniform also cultivates a mindset of readiness for learning and prepares pupils for secondary school and future professional environments where dress codes are common.

The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

We firmly believe in providing an inclusive learning environment that caters to the diverse needs of all our pupils. We understand that pupils with SEND may require certain adaptations and we encourage open communication and invite you to reach out to us so that we can better understand your child's specific requirements. An example of potential adaptations: **Sensory Considerations** - If your child has sensory sensitivities, we can explore options for softer fabrics, adjustable waistbands, or alternative fastenings that provide comfort and minimise sensory overload.

We also understand that some parents and carers may have concerns about the cost of uniforms. However, we are committed to working with you to find affordable options. We can explore initiatives such as uniform exchanges, second-hand uniform sales, and financial assistance for families facing financial constraints. Our aim is to ensure that all pupils have access to the required uniforms without creating an undue burden.

I would like to emphasise that uniforms are not meant to stifle individuality or creativity. They serve as a unifying factor while allowing pupils to express their unique personalities through their conduct, academic achievements, character, spirituality, and involvement in activities. I kindly request your support in ensuring that your child is consistently dressed in accordance with our uniform policy from September
<https://avanti.org.uk/avantigardens/uniform/>

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Best wishes,

Mr Penny

Principal