



AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST

SW HUB AVANTI NEWS

Autumn 2020

Message from the SW Hub Director

- Carolyn Dickinson



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This has been an exceptionally busy term for all. We are enormously grateful to staff, pupils and parents, all of whom, in the face of the pandemic, have supported leaders in keeping our schools in the south west COVID safe and secure environments.

It has also been a term where we have seen the introduction of the new curriculum. One of the great delights of the term has been observing the pupils' enthusiasm and joy as they explore new areas of learning and develop new skills. The Friday school bulletins celebrate much of this work and a few examples are included at the end of this newsletter.

As parents are aware, the new school uniform will be phased in from January 2021 with all pupils expected to be in uniform by the start of the September 2021 term. The uniform requirements and link to order the free Avanti logo jumper are included opposite - orders can be placed up until August 2021.



Uniform requirements

TO BE PHASED IN BETWEEN JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER 2021

1. In the primary phase there will be a gender-neutral uniform: a white polo shirt and grey trousers or skirt: these can be purchased according to budget and preferences over fabric and provenance. We will pay for each child to have one jumper with the Avanti logo, and ordered as detailed previously (see link below). However, we will also explore with our supplier the issue of ethically sourced and alternative fabrics. Shoes must be worn, rather than boots.
2. The uniform in the secondary/middle phase in Avanti Hall and Avanti Park will be the same as in the primary phase, except that instead of a white polo, pupils will wear a white shirt; an Avanti tie is also required to be worn.
3. PE kit requirements will be as now for primary and secondary; however, for the secondary phase we will further consult about some additional changes in the spring term 2021.
4. For the current academic year, the following pupils will not be expected to wear uniform, as they will be transitioning to a different school at the end of the school year: Avanti Park – Y8 and Y11; Avanti Hall – Y10 and Y11; Avanti Gardens – Y6.
5. Avanti logo jumpers will need to be ordered via the school. To order your free jumper please click on the link below:

[Order here](#)

Contact the SW Hub Board

If you have an issue you would like to raise with the SW Hub Board you can contact the Clerk via the following email address:

SWHub.Clerk@avanti.org.uk

Message from Chair of the SW Hub Board

- Dr Molly Warrington



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A whole year has passed since Avanti Schools Trust took over the three South West schools. Much has been accomplished over that time, and whilst we are aware that some parents have been unhappy with the changes we have made, it is also true to say that we have had positive feedback too.

Two of the Hub Board's key foci have been Safeguarding and SEND, and I am pleased to say that appointments have been made for new SENCOs in each of the three schools:



Nicola Rogers has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher of Inclusion and SEND. Nicola is a qualified SENCO with 10 years' experience as a SENCO/Inclusion manager.



Laura Blackwell has been appointed as SENCO at Avanti Gardens school and takes up post on January 1st 2021. Laura has been a primary teacher for 9 years and a qualified SENCO for 7 years.



Jen is an experienced SENCO and joins us from a small therapeutic community where she was headteacher for 5 years. Jen has worked with pupils with a range of needs including ADHD, ASC and social and emotional difficulties.

	START	FINISH	LENGTH
TERM 1	Tuesday 1 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020	39 Days
Autumn Break 2020	Monday 26 October 2020	Friday 30 October 2020	5 Days
TERM 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Wednesday 16 December 2020	33 Days
Christmas Break 2020	Thursday 17 December 2020	Friday 1 January 2021	12 Days
TERM 3	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	30 Days
Spring Break 2021	Monday 15 February 2021	Friday 19 February 2021	5 Days
TERM 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021	29 Days
Easter Break 2021	Friday 2 April 2021	Friday 16 April 2021	11 Days
TERM 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	29 Days
Late spring break 2021	Monday 31 May 2021	Friday 4 June 2021	5 Days
TERM 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Friday 23 July 2021	35 Days

