



4th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have received a letter from Mike Younger and Molly Warrington regarding our expectations on uniform and the policy that has been adopted throughout the Trust. Up until this point, we have tried to communicate with families who do not wish to support our uniform and resolve any differences, however for a minority this approach has not been successful and continues to cause division and confusion amongst our pupil and parent community.

We want all pupils to take pride in our uniform and feel part of our community. The overwhelmingly positive feedback we have had has reinforced our decision to adopt a uniform to help with our identity, cohesion and equality.

Avanti Hall School operates as a school of choice within a large trust. Therefore, sending your child to our school is an active choice that is made, as opposed to it being within a catchment area, which the majority of schools in the local area prioritise within their admissions process. Therefore, by choosing Avanti Hall, we hope that you are choosing to support all elements of school life, and one of these is our adoption of school uniform.

As of Monday 11 October, the leadership of the school will start to meet with parents of primary pupils not in uniform to discuss and ensure we can support any reasonable adjustments that may be needed if refusal to wear is based on any SEND need. These meetings will be arranged for every day that a child is not in uniform and be held with a member of the leadership team. Unfortunately, those pupils not in uniform will be unable to represent the school in external events and trips.

For secondary pupils, any pupil not wearing the full uniform will be asked to wear the school uniform on the next school day. Should a young person refuse, and not come to school in uniform the following day, we will assume that this is a refusal to follow our policy and by refusing to be part of the school community and adapt to our expectations, we will be left with no choice but to follow our policy. We will not deny your child a right to their core education, however those pupils will not be able to represent the school in extracurricular activities, for example trips, sports, expeditions and wider extracurricular activities. Secondary pupils will be collected during lunch and break times and have these in the secondary classrooms in the teaching block overseen by Mr Lee. Lunch will be collected prior to this to ensure that children have plenty of time to eat.

We want to give you time to ensure that by Monday 11 October you are able to get the uniform needed and support your child get the most out of their education at Avanti Hall School.

Best Wishes

Phil Arnold
Principal