



AVANTI BROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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An invitation from the Chair of the Avanti Schools Trust Board

**Your child: Your School – Get Involved –
Become a member of your School’s Joint Stakeholder Committee**

The Avanti Schools Trust and each Avanti School is supported by School Stakeholder Committees (SSCs). The purpose of the SSCs is to work with the School Principal to ensure that the school is offering the best possible education for its children in a way that supports the Values, Vision and Ethos of the Trust.

Avanti Brook School will open in September 2023 under the Executive Leadership of Sally Allan. The Trust has agreed that Avanti Meadows and Avanti Brook Schools should establish a new, joint SSC.

There are opportunities for parents and others in the community to join the SSC – our aim is to establish the new Joint Committee, starting with (hopefully) the first meeting and a visit to the schools in June – with the first meeting proper in September.

The key requirement of an SSC Member is a genuine interest in the learning, development and enhancement of the life chances of our young people with the best interests of our children at heart. With this in mind, SSC Members are encouraged to be the “critical friend” of the school Executive Head and Leadership Teams – to challenge them – knowledgeably and in the appropriate way – and on behalf of myself and Trust Board colleagues, to seek assurances around school standards, provision and performance.

To help develop their understanding of, and engagement with, the school, the Trust supports SSC Members through training (free of charge) and monitoring visits to the school. This provides opportunities for SSC Members to better appreciate teaching and learning, the curriculum, enrichment opportunities available to students and the impact of this on performance and outcomes for children. There are also opportunities for Members to develop their particular interests in the life of the school through “LINK” roles: Safeguarding, Health and Safety and SEND are just three examples of this.

The Handbook accompanying this invitation provides background information to the Trust and explains more of the role and expectations of an SSC Member. If you would like further information, or if are interested in contributing to the life of your Avanti schools, please complete and return to the school, no later than 5 May, the attached Expression of interest form.

We will reply to all forms received – the next step being an informal meeting at the school at which I will have the pleasure of saying a few words by way of introduction and you will be able to ask questions and find out more about the SSC role from the Executive Head and the Trust Governance Officer (Stuart McDonough). Light refreshments will be available*.

*meeting date (to be confirmed) 15 May late afternoon/early evening at Avanti Meadows school. Those returning an Expression of Interest form will be advised of the date and time via e mail.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Younger Chair
Avanti Schools Trust



“I am really looking forward to this exciting opportunity of opening a new school and developing the newest SSC in the Trust. Becoming an SSC member is a great way to get to know, and to contribute to development of, our schools in providing a truly great education for all our children. I do encourage parents and carers of children at the two schools and others in the community who are interested in the education, development and progress of our young people to join me and to share in this exciting and ultimately rewarding venture”.