



What is the Avanti Way?

Our school community has been through a process of great change over the past couple of years and Avanti Park Frome is now part of a larger group of schools, the Avanti Trust, who all follow the **Avanti Way**.

This quote is taken from the Avanti Way booklet: An introduction to our Philosophy of Education

‘Avanti exists to help each person become a well-rounded human being through intellectual, moral and spiritual growth, and so make the world a better place.’

This is outlined in six core principles, also outlined in the same booklet.

- We are unique spiritual beings with incredible potential, and we achieve our full potential by discovering and nurturing all parts of ourselves-intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual.
- We choose how we wish to respond to life and what we nurture within us.
- We care for and respect all life-human, animal and plant-and live in a way that causes the least possible harm.
- We each observe the one same reality from our own unique perspective and engage in open-minded dialogue to deeply enrich our vision.
- We serve a higher purpose by living a meaningful and satisfying life of contribution.
- We are nourished by personal relationships that fulfil our need to love and be loved, encouraging us to be the best we can be.

As we continue our Avanti journey, we are beginning to embed these principles into everything that we do at school with the expectation that this will then create a 'ripple' effect as the students take these principles forwards with them throughout the rest of their lives. It is important to point out that these principles apply to every **person**, not just the students. It truly is a whole community approach.

To complement and support this, Avanti Schools support each person's life journey along three paths: Educational Excellence, Character Formation and Spiritual Insight.

At school level we are seeking to find and celebrate natural links within our wide-ranging curriculum to the Avanti Way. We are also using assembly times to explore individual themes more deeply.

Each term's assemblies will focus on one of the three paths listed above. Currently, we are spending a whole term on each one. Autumn 2021 focussed on Educational Excellence, Spring is focussing on Character Formation and the theme for Summer 2022 will be Spiritual Insight. This term we will be exploring the six virtues or values of respect, self-discipline, courage, integrity, empathy and gratitude.

Assemblies also give us an opportunity to explore how British Values and the UN Rights of the Child weave through our curriculum and our school week.

We have been very lucky to have had a range of speakers, some online, during the recent pandemic and they have added great insight into different themes and a 'real-life' focus into our times together,

Currently, assemblies are split between years EYFS to Year 2 and Years 3 to 8. This ensures that the children receive content appropriate to their age.

Every week, there is some type of 'follow-up' activity for the children to pursue in class and there are opportunities for this to be recorded into Avanti Way books which hang in every classroom.

If you have any further questions about the Avanti Way, I would be happy to answer them! Please email me at alison.armstrong@avanti.org.uk.

Alternatively, you could have a look at the Avanti Trust website www.avanti.org.uk.



There are also copies of our booklet available for you to collect at the office.

We are on an exciting journey together!



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