



7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

As part of the academies drive to support young people and raise the profile of anti-bullying, last year we signed up to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, an organisation that support schools in tackling bullying in school across the country. We were rewarded with a bronze certificate for our work on anti-bullying and promoting positive behaviour and culture across the academies, and this is something that we continue to work towards.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is this year's Anti-Bullying Week in the UK. To mark this event, students will be having specific assemblies to raise the profile of anti-bullying with the main focus this year being 'showing respect'. These assemblies will also remind students of the different ways that they can report bullying if they see it, and who the key staff in the school are who they can look to for support. They also link specifically to the academies REACH values and ethos.

The academies will be taking part in their charity campaign 'Odd Socks Day' where we will allow students to wear an odd pair of socks on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** for a donation of £2 to raise awareness and funds for this cause. The aim will be to show solidarity against bullying, but also allow students to show off their unique style through their choice of socks. This is not compulsory; however, it would be great to see members of the academies supporting this action.

In order to take part, we have set up a 'Just Giving' page linked between Avonbourne Academies' and the Anti-Bullying Alliance where all £2 donations can be made either via the link or via the QR code.

<https://shorturl.at/IVWIA>



We hope to see many of our students taking part in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Mike Wood**  
Assistant Principal

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