



AVANTI FIELDS SCHOOL

2024 - 2025

This policy is in force until further notice from:	28.02.23
This policy must be reviewed:	Annually
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Avanti Fields School (" the School") is part of the Avanti Schools Trust and is an inclusive Hindu faith-designated school which welcomes children of all faiths and none. More information about the School can be found by visiting the website at <http://www.avanti.org.uk/avantifields>.

The Trust Board of Avanti Schools Trust (" the Trust Board") is the " admission authority" for all schools within the Trust and is responsible for determining and implementing the admission arrangements for those schools.

In this policy, a " parent" is defined as including a natural or adoptive parent of a child (irrespective of with whom the child lives, or whether the parent has contact with or parental responsibility for the child), as well as non-parents who have care of, or parental responsibility for, the child.

5.1 Hindu children with a practising Hindu⁴ parent who has taken initiation⁵ (diksha); and

5.2 Hindu children with a practising Hindu parent who attends Sanga⁶.

To be included in this category, a completed supplementary information form ("SIF") certified by a representative of the ISKCON temple in Leicester must be submitted to the School by the closing date for applications, in addition to the Common Application Form submitted to the Local Authority. Children for whom a certified SIF is not received by the closing date for applications, and children falling into this category who do not achieve a place, will be included in the next category that applies.

6. For Primary pupils (Reception year): Up to 20 Hindu children with a practicing Hindu parent. To be included in this category, a completed SIF certified by a representative of the parent's temple must be submitted to the School by the closing date for applications. Children for whom a SIF is not received by the closing date for applications, and children falling into this category who do not achieve a place, will be included in the category 7, below.
7. All other children. For the avoidance of doubt, geographical distances will be taken from the school's permanent site: 21 Furrow View, Leicester, LE5 0BX.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children who became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order immediately after being looked after.

2. Children with a sibling attending Avanti Fields School or Krishna Avanti Primary School, Leicester at the time of application. Details of sibling to be included in the Common Application Form submitted to the Local Authority.

4. Children of a member of the School's staff⁷ in either or both of the following circumstances:

- a. Has been employed at the School for two or more years at the time of application; and/or
- b. Was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there was a demonstrable skill shortage.

For the avoidance of doubt, "a" and "b" above do not denote an order of priority – all children falling within this category will be treated equally.

5. For Secondary pupils (year 7): Up to 15 places to Hindu children with a practising Hindu parent who worships at the ISKCON temple in Leicester in the following order of priority:

- 5.1 Hindu children with a practising Hindu parent who has taken initiation (diksha); and
- 5.2 Hindu children with a practising Hindu parent who attends Sanga.

To be included in this category, a completed supplementary information form ("SIF")

School places will be allocated on the basis of our determined admissions arrangements. The order in which places will be allocated the categories above will be by reference to the distance the child lives from the School, with those living closest to the School receiving highest priority. Distance will be measured from the centre point of the child's home address to the centre point of the School's site in a straight line using the Local Authority's specialist software and in accordance to the Child's Home Address paragraph section in the policy.

Where two or more children live an equal distance from the School, random allocation supervised by someone independent of the School will be used as a tie-breaker to determine the order in which places are allocated.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all and exceed our PAN.

For the purpose of this policy, the child's home address will be the residential address at which the child lives and sleeps for more than 50% of their time from Monday to Friday during term time. It will usually be the address at which Child Benefit is claimed or, if ineligible, the address at which the child is registered with their GP and dentist. Business addresses will not be accepted.

The child must be living at the address at the time of application and is anticipated to be living there at the time of admission.

The children of UK service personnel (UK armed forces) with a confirmed posting to the area of the School, and the children Crown servants returning from overseas to live in the area of the School, will be regarded as living at the address stated in the application for admission at the time of application where it is accompanied by an official letter confirming the relocation date and a unit postal address or quartering address. This is an exception to the rule that the child must be living at the address at the time of application.

The statutory maximum number of pupils in a class in Reception Year to Year 2 is 30, however regulations set out categories of children who will be regarded as "excepted pupils" not counting towards the class size and can therefore be admitted.

Twins and siblings of a higher multiple birth will be “excepted pupils” where one or more of them achieves a place under the oversubscription criteria set out above, but their twin or sibling(s) of a higher multiple birth does not. In these cases, the twin or sibling(s) of a higher multiple birth will be admitted over the PAN.

Parents are referred to Paragraph 2.16 of the Admissions Code (which is accessible on the Department for Education’s website) for further detail in respect of the category of ‘excepted pupils’; where full details of excepted pupils are listed.

Children are entitled to a full-time place in Reception Year in the September following their fourth birthday. Children do not, however, reach compulsory school age until one of three prescribed days following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday, if it falls on a prescribed day). These prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

Parents who achieve a place for their child in Reception Year have a right to decide that they will defer the date that their child will start school until their child reaches compulsory school age, without losing the achieved place.

However, parents of “summer born children” (i.e. children born on or between 1 April and 31 August) cannot defer the date that their child will start school beyond the first day of the final term of

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Applications for admission to Year 7 must be made to the Local Authority on their Common Application Form, which is accessible on their website.

Applications must be submitted by the closing date, which is

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For children falling within categories 5 and 6 above, parents must submit a SIF certified by the practising Hindu parent's temple to the school by the closing date for applications, in addition to submitting a completed CAF to the parents' home Local Authority. Failure to do so will result in the child being placed into the next category that applies.

The SIF is available for download from the School's website or in hard copy from the School's office.

Applications received after the closing date for applications stated above will be late applications, and will not be considered until after applications received on or before the closing date for applications have been considered and places allocated. This means that the chance of achieving a place will be reduced. The names of those children who do not achieve a place will be placed on the waiting list (see below)

whom a place is requested under the Fair Access Protocol agreed for that school year, even where this will result in the PAN being exceeded.

The School operates a waiting list for the duration of the school year. The names of all children who do not achieve a place in Reception or Year 7 will be placed on the waiting list, and it will be open to other parents to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list following an unsuccessful application.

A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above, and not by reference to the date that the application for admission was made. This means that a child's place on the waiting list may go down as well as up, as more applications are received from children with higher priority.

Parents have a statutory right of appeal to an independent appeal panel in the event of a refusal of a place. Appeals are dealt with strictly in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code 2012.

Information on the appeal timetable (including the deadline for requesting an appeal) will be published on the School's website (www.avanti.org.uk/avantifields) on or before 28 February after the closing date for applications for that year. Information will also be included in the letter sent to parents notifying them of a refusal.

An admission authority must not withdraw an offer unless it has been offered in error, a parent has not responded within a reasonable period of time, or it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application. Please refer to paragraph 2.13 and 2.14 of the Admissions Code for further detail.

Furthermore, the School may check any address and other information provided so that oversubscription criteria can be applied.