

# Admissions Policy Avanti Gardens School 2025 - 2026

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# **Introductory Statement**

**Avanti Gardens School** ("the School") is part of the Avanti Schools Trust. More information about the School can be found by visiting the website at <a href="https://www.avanti.org.uk/avantigardens.">www.avanti.org.uk/avantigardens.</a>

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

# Published Admission Number ("PAN")

The PAN for entry to Reception Year is 60.

Where fewer applications than the PAN, or an amount equal to the PAN, for the relevant year group are received, offers will be made to all those who have applied.

# Applications for Admission in the Normal Admissions Round (i.e. to Reception)

Applications for admission in the normal admission round must be made to the parents' home Local Authority on their Common Application Form which is accessible on their website.

Applications must be submitted to the home Local Authority by the closing date, which is **15 January 2025**.

Parents will be notified of the outcome of applications on "national offer day" which is on **16 April 2025** (or the next working day).

Following the offer of a place at the School, parents can be asked to provide proof of their child's birth date.

#### Children with an Education, Health

# **Oversubscription Criteria**

Where the School is oversubscribed, the available places will be allocated to children in the following order of priority:

- 1. Looked after children, previously looked after children and children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2. Children with a sibling attending **Avanti Gardens School** at the time of application. Details of the sibling(s) must be included in the application form. Failure to do so will result in the child being placed into the next category that applies.
- 3. Children of a member of the School's staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
  - a. where the member of staff has been employed at the School for two or more years at the time of application; and/or
  - b. where the member of staff was recruited to fill a vacant post at the School for which there was a demonstrable skill shortage.
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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, applying the tie breaker where necessary.

4. Other children by distance from the School, with priority given to children that live closest to the School measured as described below.

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#### Tie Breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified and a fresh round of random allocation will be used each time a child is to be offered a place from the waiting list.

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

# Admission of Children Below Compulsory School Age and Deferred Entry to Reception Year

Children are entitled to a full-time place in school 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 whose child is offered a place in Reception Year have a right to decide that they will defer the date that their child will start school until later in the school year without losing the achieved place. Admission cannot be deferred beyond the date that the child would reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made. Parents who defer the date th oF0.5 (t)-3 (h)13.1 (e)-3-6 ()0.1f th1.9 (h)2.3 (t)-3 (h)13.1 (e)n 0 Td[(r)-2.9)2.3 (t-0.0)-6.6 (t)-2.9

The procedure for asking for admission of a child to a year group other than the child's normal year group is:

1. Parents send a letter to the School (emailing <u>avantigardens@avanti.org.uk</u> or via post) explaining that they are requesting that their child be admitted outside their normal age group, giving details of all relevant circumstances and attaching any relevant supporting

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# Withdrawing an Offer

Parents should note that an offer of a place is likely to be withdrawn if it is found that it was made on the basis of fraudulent or intentionally misleading information provided by parents.

The offer of a place may be withdrawn if 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.

In order to ascertain whether an offer has been made on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application, the School reserves the right to ask for additional information to check the veracity of the information provided in the application.

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