



# ADMISSIONS POLICY AVANTI PARK SCHOOL 2025 - 2026

This policy is in force until further notice from:	28.02.24
This policy must be reviewed:	Annually
Policy Author(s):	Shamita Kumar
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Date policy reviewed by Compliance	
	School Website
Under the Trust's Scheme of Delegation this policy must be approved by	The Admissions Committee
Such approval was given on:	January 2024



## Children of UK Service Personnel and Crown Servants

In cases of children of UK service personnel (UK armed forces) with a confirmed posting or children of Crown servants returning from overseas, the Trust will allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in the area (as long as one is available), provided the application is accompanied by an official letter confirming the relocation date. This is an exception to the rule that the child must be living at the address at the time of application.

## Oversubscription Criteria

Where the School is oversubscribed, the available

consulted.

### Tie Breaker

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.

### 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 that their child will start school must agree the decision in writing with the School.

### Part-Time Attendance in Reception Year

Parents have a right to decide that their child will attend School part-time until they reach compulsory school age.

For example, a child born on 15 February will not reach compulsory school age until 31 March following their fifth birthday but is entitled to a full





## Glossary

<p>Child's Home Address</p>	<p>The place where the child lives and sleeps for more than of their time from Monday to Friday during term time.</p> <p>If the child lives at more than one address (e.g. in the case of separated parents), or if more than one address supplied, or there is a dispute over the Child's Home Address, the following steps will be followed. This is because the Trust cannot accept more than one address as the Child's Home Address.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parents are urged to reach an agreement as to the Child's Home Address and notify the School of the agreed address.</li> <li>2. If it is unclear where the child spends more than 50% of their week, evidence will be requested which will normally be the address at which Child Benefits are received and the name of the surgery where the child is registered.</li> </ol> <p>Business addresses will not be accepted.</p> <p>The Child's Home Address for children of UK service personnel with a confirmed posting, and children of crown servants returning from overseas, will be the address which the child will live as long as the parents provide evidence of their intended address. A Unit or quartering address will be used as the Child's Home Address where a parent requests this.</p>
<p>Child who appears to have been in state care outside of England</p>	<p>A child who was in the care of or was accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation, or other care provider whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.</p>
<p>Compulsory school age</p>	<p>Children reach compulsory school age on one of the prescribed days following their fifth birthday (or on the fifth birthday, if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.</p>
<p>Looked after child</p>	<p>Any child who is in the care of a local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 as amended) at the time of making an application to the School.</p>

Member of the School's An employee of Avanti Schools Trust or any of its subsidiaries

staff	companies whose normal place of work is the School.
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biological parents (whether or not they are married);</li><li>•</li></ul>