



Krishna Avanti Primary School, Harrow, admission arrangements for Reception classes and In-year admissions to years 1-6 for 2018/19

Introductory statement

Krishna Avanti Primary School, Harrow (“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 on the school can be found by visiting the website at www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow

Admission number

The school has an admission number of 60 for entry in reception year and will accordingly admit this number of pupils each year to years 1 to 5 if there are sufficient applications. The planned admission number to year 6 remain at 30 until September 2019. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number for the relevant year group are received, offers will be made to all those who have applied.¹

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who live closest to the school² and meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.³
2. Siblings: Children with a sibling(s) attending the school at the time of application.⁴
3. Children of staff at Krishna Avanti Primary School (Harrow): Under criterion 1.39a and 1.39b of the Admissions Code, priority will be given to children of 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 at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

Of the remaining available places:⁵

¹ Following the offer of a place at the school, parents/carers can be asked to provide their child’s proof of identification and main residence. The forms of identification may include; birth certificate, passport, NHS registration, council tax bill, current utility bills.

² Distance is measured from the child’s home address to the centre point of the school site in a straight line

³ A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

⁴ Siblings are defined in these arrangements as natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters attending the school at the time of their sibling starting school.

⁵ In the event that the remaining places are an odd number, the distance criteria will apply to 50% to the nearest whole number rounded down; the remaining places will be ascertained by random allocation.



4. Ten places will be available to children from practicing Hindu families who worship regularly at ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor (Hilfield Lane, WD25 8EZ) using the following criteria in order of priority:⁶
 - a. Families who have taken initiation (diksha) within ISKCON and are regularly attending Sanga (registered congregation programmes)
 - b. Families who are registered applicants for initiation within ISKCON and are regularly attending Sanga
 - c. Families who have taken initiation within ISKCON or who have graduated from an ISKCON Gurukula.
 - d. Families who worship at least monthly at Bhaktivedanta Manor temple
5. If there are more applicants under criterion 4 than available places, the unsuccessful applicants will be considered under criterion 5 and ordered in accordance to distance to the school. Ten places will be available to children from practising Hindu families living closest to the school.
6. All other applicants including those who have been unsuccessful in gaining a place under criteria 4 and 5 above..

Applicants applying under criterion 4 must complete Part 2 of the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and applicants applying under criterion 5 must complete Part 1 of the SIF (see Appendix 2). The SIF should be submitted to the School directly whilst submitting the Common Application Form (CAF) to Harrow Council's admissions department by the application closing date. The SIF must be signed by an authorised person from their respective Hindu temple.

Tie-break

If in categories 2-6 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission..

Random allocation undertaken by an independent body unconnected with the school will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-6 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the school is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Twins and Multiple birth: In cases where only one place is available and twins (or other multiple birth children) tie for that place, both (or all) will be offered a place even if this exceeds the planned admission number.

Late applications

All applications received by the Local Authority after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

⁶ Please see Appendix 1 for clarity on terms used in this criterion



Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

In-year admissions

All in-year applications must be made directly to the local authority. Prior to September 2012, there were no places offered under criterion 6 above to applicants for admission to the Reception class, therefore:

- For in-year vacancies occurring in Reception and Year 1-5 since September 2012, the above criteria will apply in its entirety in the same priority order as above for offering places to the applicants. Offers will be made to fill the vacancy arising from the specific criterion.
- For in-year vacancies occurring in Year -6, the priority order as listed in criteria 1 – 5 will apply.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

In particular, parents can ask for a child to be held back a school year if both of the following apply:

- The child was born in the summer (1 April to 31 August)
- The parents do not feel the child is ready to start in the September after they turn 4

The child could then start school in the September after their fifth birthday.

When such requests are made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Principal and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

The process for requesting such an admission is by letter to the school detailing all the circumstances and providing any relevant supporting evidence.

Children arriving from overseas

Applications for children coming from overseas must be treated in accordance with European Union law or Home Office rules for non-European Economic Area nationals. Non-statutory guidance on this will be available on the website of the Department for Education.

Fair access protocol

Krishna Avanti Primary School is committed to taking its reasonable share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place as set out in the locally agreed Fair Access Protocol. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round, the governing body is empowered to admit a child where admission is requested under a local Fair Access Protocol that has been agreed for that school



year. The governing body has this power even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the planned admission number (PAN).

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the Local Authority and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Applicants should contact kapsharrow@avanti.org.uk by the deadline of accepting or declining school place offers for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow

Additional Information

Places can be withdrawn after an offer has been made if it is found that the offer was made on the basis of false or fraudulent information.

The schools works closely with Harrow Council on the administration of pupil admissions to Avanti schools in Harrow. Parents will find it helpful to refer to *Harrow Council's Guide to Primary Schools* published each year on Harrow Council website. <http://www.harrow.gov.uk/admissions>



Appendix 1

Interpretation of terms used in Bhaktivedanta Manor oversubscription criteria and Bhaktivedanta Manor Form

Initiated Family: A family in which parent(s)/carer(s)/legal guardian(s) have accepted shelter of a bonafide ISKCON guru and committed to follow the principles laid down by the authorities within ISKCON.

Sangas (registered congregational programmes): Regular congregational spiritual development meetings (usually held weekly/ fortnightly/ monthly) led by an experienced practising devotee recognized by the local temple.

'Regular attendance': "attendance" at the temples/Sanga groups are not register based and traditionally conformed by Minister of Religion or Senior Management or Temple Council. Frequency of attendance should be at least monthly.

Registered Applicants for Initiation: Local temple maintains a regular register of practicing devotees who aspire to get initiated and hence follow the prescriptive rules for same (four regulative principles and chant 16 rounds of Hare Krishna maha mantra).

Graduation from ISKCON Gurukula: Graduation record from the local ISKCON temple run independent school (Gurukula).



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Appendix 2

Supplementary Information Form (SIF): Part 1

Applications submitted on the basis of Hindu faith should be accompanied by this Supplementary Information Form. This form is to be completed by both the parent/guardian and the recognised temple representative, acting as referee.

Sibling application: Yes / No If yes, please specify: Sibling name: Year:

Please tick one:

- This is to support an application for a Nursery place
- *This is to support an application for a Reception place
- *This is to support an application for an in-year application for Year:

*Online Application Reference number if available:

Section 1 (To be completed by parent/guardian)

Name of child: Date of Birth of child:

Address of the child (including postcode):

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Contact number(s):

Email address:

I parent/guardian confirm the above information is correct.

Relationship to Child:

Signature:

Section 2 (To be completed by a local temple)

Please tick the box below as appropriate:

- I am confidently aware that the family are practising Hindus and regularly attend the temple, i.e. they follow all the key tenets of the faith as practised by our temple.

Section 3 (To be completed by a local temple)

I certify that the above information is correct.

*Full name: Position:

Name and address of temple:

Contact number:

Email address:

Signature: Date:

Official temple stamp:

*N.B. School may check with temple priest if not registered as an authorised signatory with the school. This form will be invalid if Sections 2 & 3 are not completed. Please return the completed form to: Admissions, Krishna Avanti School, Camrose Avenue, Edgware, HA8 6ES



Supplementary Information Form (SIF): Part 2 Bhaktivedanta Manor Form (BMF)

Applications submitted on the basis of Criteria 3 of the School's Admissions Policy should submit this form along with a completed Supplementary Information Form. Applications that do not result in a place under Criteria 3 will automatically be considered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Sibling Application: Yes / No If yes, please specify: Sibling name: Year:

Please tick one:

- This is to support an application for a Nursery place
- *This is to support an application for a Reception place
- *This is to support an application for an in-year application for Year:

*Online Application Reference number if available:

Section 1 (To be completed by parent/guardian)

Name of child: Date of Birth of child:

Address of the child (including postcode):

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Contact number(s):

Email address:

I parent/guardian confirm the above information is correct.

Relationship to Child:

Signature:

Section 2 (To be completed by Bhaktivedanta Manor)

Please tick only one box as appropriate:

- a) Families who have taken initiation (diksha) within ISKCON and are regularly attending Sanga
- b) Families who are registered applicants for initiation within ISKCON and are regularly attending Sanga
- c) Families who have taken initiation within ISKCON or who have graduated from an ISKCON Gurukula
- d) Families who worship at least monthly at Bhaktivedanta Manor temple

Section 3 (To be completed by Bhaktivedanta Manor)

I certify that the applicant qualifies for the category as ticked above.

*Full name: Position:

Name and address of temple:

Contact number:

Email address:

Signature: Date:

Official temple stamp:

*N.B. School may check with temple priest if not registered as an authorised signatory with the school. This form will be invalid if Sections 2 & 3 are not completed. Please return the completed form to: Admissions, Krishna Avanti School, Camrose Avenue, Edgware, HA8 6ES