



Krishna Avanti Primary School, Harrow, Nursery Class admission arrangements 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 a published admission number of 26 for entry into its Nursery class¹. Parents should be aware that the School does receive more applications than the number of places available and that the submission of an application does not guarantee the offer of a place at the School.

Please note that parents need to apply for admission for a place in the Reception class even for a child already admitted to the nursery class of this school. In accordance with the law, attendance at the nursery does not guarantee admission to the Reception class.

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

¹ When submitting your Nursery Application to the school, parents/carers will 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 time of their younger sibling starting school.



Of the remaining available places:⁵

4. Five 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

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.

5. Five places will be available to children from practising Hindu families.
6. All other applicants including those who have 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 of worship.

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.

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.

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



How to Apply

Please note that all parents can apply to only one nursery in the borough. Applications for Nursery intake are made directly to the School using the Common Application Form (CAF). For parents applying under the faith criteria, they must complete part 1 or 2 (as applicable) of the SIF and BMF forms, available from the school website www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow. The application is submitted to the school directly prior to the deadline date as stated on the application form. After the submission of the application any changes in the details provided in the application form such as the child's permanent home address must be reported to the school in writing before the deadline for submission of applications. The outcome of the nursery application will be sent directly to the parents by the school.

Applicants are encouraged to attend open mornings to familiarise themselves with the school or contact the school for further information.

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list. If a place becomes available this will be allocated using the school's admissions policy and the oversubscription criteria. Unsuccessful applicants DO NOT have the right to appeal

Late applications

All applications received to the school 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.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for the Nursery class. 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 school 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.

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 school works with other schools in Harrow to ensure that only one application for a place in the nursery class is considered by each family. For this purpose, only the current (as in the most recently received) application is valid for consideration by schools located in Harrow.



Appendix 1

Interpretation of the terms used in the Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria

Distance - Measured in a straight line from home to the centre point of the school site, using the Local Authority's distance calculator:

http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/100005/education_and_learning/1594/map_of_primary_schools_in_harrow/2 . The journey is measured from the address point for the home address to the centre point of the school site.

Home Address - Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address of the parent who receives child benefit. In cases where parents are not eligible for child benefit the address will be that of the parents where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

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).



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)

Full 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)

Full 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 Hilfield Lane, WD25 8EZ)

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 Hilfield Lane, WD25 8EZ)

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