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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 child1111111111111111 thec

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

1. Children Looked After<sup>1</sup>, 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<sup>2</sup> attending \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of application. Details of the sibling(s) to be included in the Common Application Form submitted to the Local Authority.
3. Children of a member of the School's staff 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, applying the tie breaker where necessary

4. All other children. Children who do not fall into any of the categories above will be allocated places under this category by reference to the child's home address (as defined in this policy) to the school.

School places will be allocated on the basis of our determined admissions arrangements as set out in this policy. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> A \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ means any child who is in the care of a local authority or is being accommodated by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions as defined in \_\_\_\_\_



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. Parents who defer the date that their child will start school must agree the decision in writing with the school.

In respect of parents of “summer born children” (i.e. children born on or between 1 April and 31 August) their children are considered to reach compulsory school age on the 31<sup>st</sup> August following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on the 31<sup>st</sup> August); these parents cannot defer the date that their child will start school beyond the first day of the final term of the school year without losing the place that has been offered. If they do, the place will be allocated to another child.

However, parents of “summer born children” do, have the right to release the achieved place and delay their child’s start date for one whole academic year, when they will either seek admission to Year 1 (which is subject to availability of a place) or make a request for admission outside normal age group to Reception Year (which is at the discretion of the Trust Board).

Parents have a right to decide that their child will attend School part-time until they reach compulsory school age on one of the three prescribed dates set out above. The right can also be exercised at the same time as deferred entry.

For example, a child born on 15 February will not reach compulsory school age until 31 March but is entitled to a full-time place in Reception Year from the preceding September. The child’s parents can decide that their child will not start school until 1 January and will attend part-time until 1 April, when they will attend full-time. Parents who exercise their right to send their children to school on a part time basis until the child reaches compulsory school age as prescribed in the dates set out in the above clauses of the Admissions Policy must agree this in writing with the school.

development, the child's medical history and the view of their medical professionals







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 2.12 and 2.13 of the Admissions Code for further detail.

Furthermore, in order to address the potential issue of offers being obtained through fraudulent or intentionally misleading applications, the School reserves the right to ask for additional information to check the veracity of the address and other information provided in the application.