

[ADMISSIONS POLICY] [AVANTI GRANGE SECONDARY SCHOOL, BISHOPS STORTFORD] [2022 - 2023]

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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.

Application Process

The school is operating outside the normal coordinated admissions process. Avanti Grange can be a 5th preference for children – that's a direct application to the school in addition to the 4 preferences allowed on the Hertfordshire application form. If you do not live in Hertfordshire, you should also ensure you make an application to your home local authority.

Applications for this school should be made online at https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/AvantiGrange/

If you require a paper application form, please contact the Trust via Louise. Houston@avanti.org.uk or contact the central admin team on 0208 731 1454

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2021. Offers will be made on 1 March 2022. If the Trust has not entered into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education by 1 March 2022, any offer of a place at Avanti Grange School will be provisional until the Funding Agreement is signed.

Parents who make a direct application for Avanti Grange School must also make an application to their home local authority through the normal secondary transfer admission process and will receive an offer of a secondary school place offer through that process.

Both offers can be accepted if the Funding Agreement is not signed. When the Funding Agreement is signed parents will be asked to confirm which school offer - Avanti Grange or the alternative secondary school place offered - they wish to accept.

Published Admission Number ("PAN")

The published admission number ("PAN") for entry to Year 7 in 2022 is 120. 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.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the School is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be allocated to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children* children and previously looked after children, including those that have been in state care outside England, that have become subject to adoption,

a child arrangements order or special guardianship order immediately after being looked after.

2. Children with a sibling** attending the school at the time of

be published on the School's website on or before 28 February after the closing date for applications for that year. Information will also be included in the letter sent to parents notifying them of a refusal. Parents will be given at least 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to lodge an appeal.