



AVANTI BROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Avanti Brook, Bishop's Stortford



Welcome to Avanti Brook Primary School, Bishop's Stortford.

Hello and welcome to Avanti Brook Primary School.

Avanti Brook Primary School is the newest of three Avanti School's Trust schools in Bishop's Stortford North. We are building the school from the very beginning; we opened in September 2021 with Pre-School and Reception Classes only. The natural growth will see us open a class each academic year.

Our school provides parents and pupils with the highest standards of education and pastoral care. We want our children to take pride in their school and for every member of the school community to work hard to provide high quality education, care and support for every child and every family. We set the highest expectations from the outset to ensure that we provide creative learning experiences, which inspire and challenge our pupils to achieve the very best in all aspects of their learning.

Our trust offers a holistic approach, where we invest in every child's education in order to develop your child to be kind and respectful to one another, and to grow spiritually, morally as well as intellectually. Our core principles at Avanti enable each child to grow into a well-rounded person in order to flourish and to step well equipped into society.

I hope that you will take this opportunity to discover more about the Avanti ethos and look forward to working with you to provide the best possible education for your child.

Avanti Brook Primary School is part of a family of schools in Bishop's Stortford, which includes Avanti Meadows Primary School and Avanti Grange Secondary School.

Sally Allan
Executive Principal

Sarah Samuels
Head of School



Our purpose and virtues

Our purpose is simple, yet profound:

To inspire spiritually compassionate changemakers



We realise our purpose by developing six virtues

Self-discipline

This virtue is a foundation of our capacity to express free will by the ability to regulate our actions and emotions.

Respect

This virtue is an essential ingredient for positive educational interactions.

Empathy

This virtue builds our capacity to deal with complexity by broadening our perspective and not rushing to assumptions.

Integrity

This virtue enables us to build trusting relationships and a healthy sense of self-worth.

Courage

This virtue frees us from artificial boundaries that limit our growth.

Gratitude

This virtue helps us develop a deeper connection with others and the world by recognising their contribution to our success.

The three pillars

Our school prepares pupils for their respective life-journeys by promoting educational excellence, character formation and spiritual insight.



Spiritual Insight

A healthy tree has deep and strong roots to withstand storms. The roots of our spiritual life similarly keep us grounded. Watering our roots is essential to their care, reminding us of the importance of our internal journey of self-discovery.



Character Formation

A strong trunk stands firm to bear a vibrant crown. Our strength of character similarly enables us to engage positively with all that life has to offer. That character grows from spiritual roots and is strengthened through the quest to make the world a better place, starting with ourselves.



Educational Excellence

A healthy tree has a flourishing crown, with fruits that enrich the lives of others. Similarly, our unique gifts are nurtured through educational excellence and enable us to contribute to the world.

Our beliefs



1

Realising potential

We believe we each have incredible potential which can be nurtured intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

2

Empowering choice

We believe that while we cannot always control our circumstances in life, we have the capacity to choose our responses; to respond with goodness and to nurture goodness within.

3

Strengthening interconnection

We believe all life is interconnected and therefore strive to care for and respect all life – human, animal and plant – living in a way that causes the least possible harm.

4

Enriching diversities

We believe we each observe the same one reality, but from our own unique perspective; it is through open-hearted dialogue that we deeply enrich our vision.

5

Expanding purpose

We believe by serving a greater purpose, we can live a meaningful and satisfying life of contribution.

6

Nourishing loving relationships

We believe relationships which nourish our need to love and be loved encourage us to be the best that we can be.

Our commitment to parents, carers and students

We want to involve you as parents and carers fully in your child's education. By working closely with you we can ensure that each stage of your child's journey is stimulating, positive and enriching.

We will provide:

- A safe and secure learning environment in which your child can flourish and be happy
- High quality teaching and learning for every child
- A rigorous curriculum that challenges and stretches every pupil to be the best that they can be;
- A regular and robust assessment and reporting system that clearly informs you about your child's progress;
- An enrichment programme that includes academic, creative, sport and music related activities;
- A wide range of local, and national educational visits;
- Clear and precise feedback that enables every pupil to master key skills and build their understanding;

Opportunities to contribute to the life of the school and develop their leadership skills.





Our new site and modern learning environment



Avanti Brook Primary School is part of the larger Avanti Learning Village, a new all-through (3 to 18) provision in the north of Bishop's Stortford. The Avanti Learning Village will offer parents the opportunity for their children to benefit from a comprehensive and coherent learning journey from pre-school right through to aged 18 and Sixth Form provision.





The trust has worked with leaders to put in place an ambitious curriculum. This curriculum clearly sets out how learning develops over time. Teachers introduce new concepts and vocabulary clearly. Teachers establish effective routines for pupils to share their ideas and extend their thinking. Pupils get many opportunities to apply their learning in extended writing tasks.

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It is very important that we give children the very best opportunities to be the very best they can, so that when they leave education in many years from now, they have every possible chance of doing what they aspire to do.

Avanti Primary School Teacher

Thank you so much for allowing me to look around your wonderful school. I was most impressed by how engaged the pupils were in their studies. The school has a lovely atmosphere.

Lord Nash, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools

Tour of the school



School Office ◀

Avanti Brook is located in the heart of a new community, with a modern design. In our school office, a member of our team is always ready and willing to help and serve our community.

Classrooms ▼

Spacious classrooms, with state-of-the-art IT equipment. Each room has abundant facilities for pupils to access independently to aid their learning.

Pre-School ▶

We have a professional team of experienced Early Years Practitioners, including a Pre-School Lead Teacher, HLTA and supporting teaching assistants.



Learning Support and Nurture Provision ▶

Our inclusion team provides a nurture approach to learning support for those children with learning needs.



Dining Area ▲

The lunch area allows pupils to enjoy together nutritionally balanced and delicious vegetarian meals every day.





Sports Facilities ▲

Outdoor space dedicated to sports. MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and a sports field equipped latest sports equipment.



Specialist Resource Provision ◀

A dedicated space for those students with Speech, Language and Communication Needs, and Autism who need a safe space where their needs can be met to access the learning in a mainstream setting.

The Avanti approach to Learning and Teaching

Learning and teaching in all Avanti Schools is underpinned by the Avanti Teacher Toolkit. Our teachers and teaching assistants are guided by the 12 Avanti Habits, rooted in cognitive science and evidence-informed practice. All our teachers are continuously developing their practice through exceptional professional development from the Avanti Institute, ensuring that our pupils benefit from the highest quality teaching in every lesson.

12 elements of great learning and teaching in Avanti Trust Schools

Through a planned programme of training and development supported by The Avanti Institute, we ensure that all Avanti Trust Schools have a highly developed sense of what constitutes great teaching. We continuously train and coach our staff on every feature of high quality pedagogy, in order that every student gets an education that is second-to-none.



We ensure that all our teachers:

1. Build positive relationships with pupils and each other
2. Begin and end lessons calmly with familiar routines
3. Use intentional seating and classroom set up
4. Create a flourishing learning environment by managing behaviour effectively
5. Have clear and ambitious learning intentions for all pupils
6. Are always context considerate and adapt practice appropriately
7. Activate daily review of prior learning
8. Present new material in small steps
9. Provide modelling and scaffolding
10. Give opportunities for guided and independent practice
11. Ask effective questions and check for pupil understanding
12. Review learning regularly before moving on to new content





“Plan activities that will enable students to demonstrate understanding and master skills.”



Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage – Pre-School and Reception

At Avanti Brook Primary School, we want our pupils' first experiences of education to be enjoyable and engaging. We encourage all members of the school community to work collaboratively, with high aspirations and expectations of everyone, consistent with our ethos.

By the end of the Foundation Stage (Reception Class), we aim for all our children to have developed positive attitudes to school supported by positive relationships with adults, strong friendships, meaningful learning activities set in an engaging, calm environment and strong links between school and parents/carers. We also expect them to have a foundational understanding of phonics and will offer additional directed support to children when and where needed..

Children will be offered a broad, balanced Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which follows the Early Years Framework. This allows plenty of opportunities to learn through play in a wide variety of contexts and focuses on: personal, social and emotional development; communication, language and literacy; problem-solving, reasoning and numeracy; knowledge and understanding of the world; and physical and creative development. Teaching will encourage all children to ask questions and talk about their play and learning.

Key Stages 1 and 2: Years 1–6

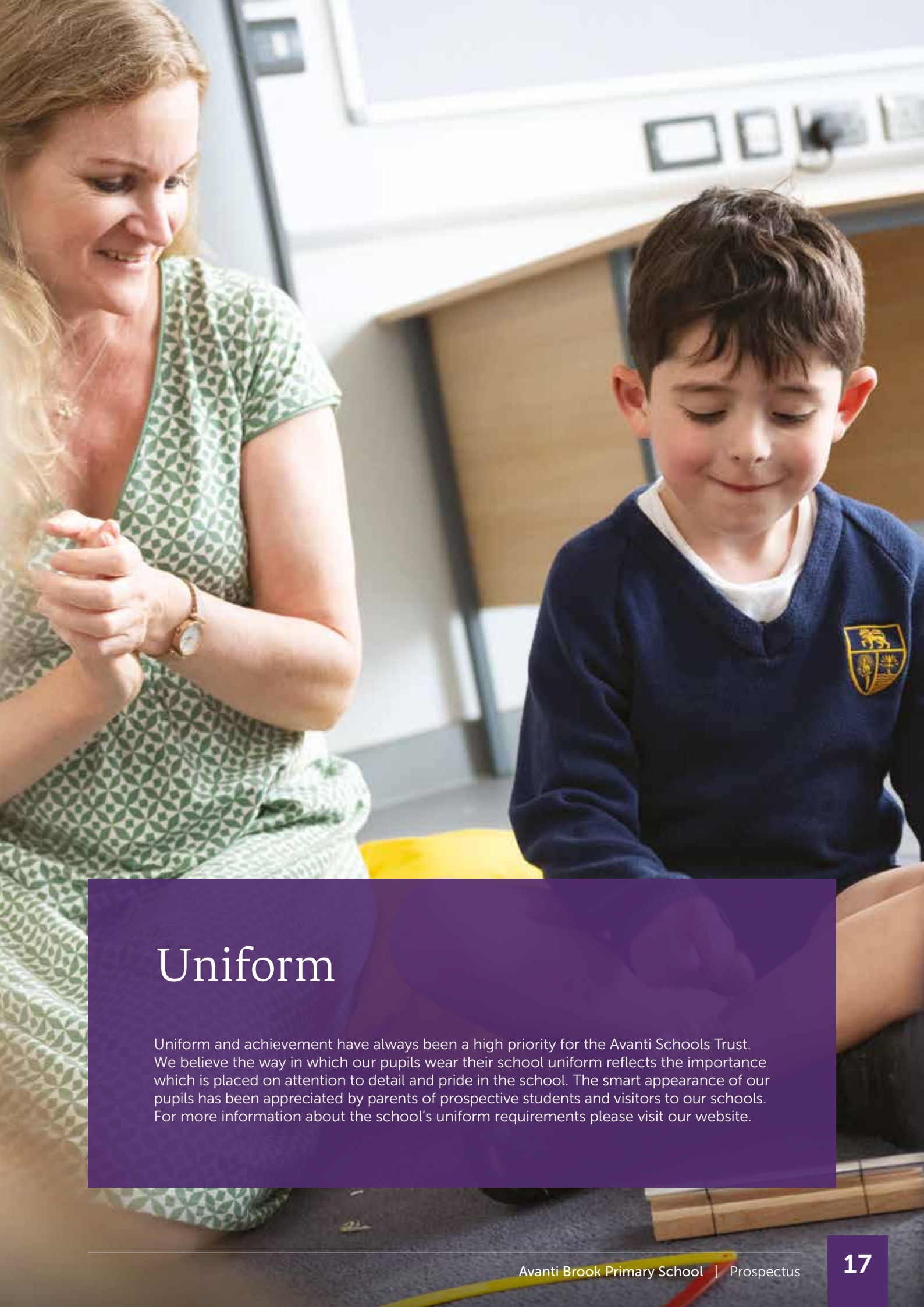
Throughout Key Stages 1 and 2, pupils will continue to develop a love of reading, through an effective balance of synthetic phonics, speaking and listening tasks, guided reading and storytelling. We know that pupils who can communicate orally and in writing, and who understand the value and pleasure of reading, are more likely to have happy, fulfilling academic and personal lives.

With these skills, pupils will access an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum that includes:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Music
- Art
- Computing
- Physical Education (PE)
- Humanities – History and Geography
- Design and Technology
- Philosophy and Religious Education (PRE)
- Yoga and Meditation
- French (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- PSHE (Personal Social Health and Economic Education)

We aim to enrich the curriculum with memorable learning experiences, including educational visits and outdoor learning opportunities

Our compassionate and caring pastoral approach will encourage all pupils to reflect on and, to explore their own spiritual journey and enter the secondary phase of education with a reflective, critical thinking and compassionate mind. We want them to understand the impact of their choices on themselves, on others and on their environment, both locally and globally. We expect them to be positive contributors as British and World citizens.



Uniform

Uniform and achievement have always been a high priority for the Avanti Schools Trust. We believe the way in which our pupils wear their school uniform reflects the importance which is placed on attention to detail and pride in the school. The smart appearance of our pupils has been appreciated by parents of prospective students and visitors to our schools. For more information about the school's uniform requirements please visit our website.

School lunches

An important part of our ethos is around the provision of hot, fresh, nutritious meals. Sharing tasty, healthy school lunches is an integral part of the educational experience at an Avanti school. It's also an opportunity to enhance social skills and table etiquette, ensuring lunchtimes are a positive experience for all. School staff often enjoy taking lunch with pupils, creating a family atmosphere.

The lunch meals cooked on-site are vegetarian (in line with the faith ethos of the Trust) and half-termly menus are also available on the School's website. If the lunch provision on offer does not meet your child's needs, or if your child has specific dietary requirements/preferences, please do speak to Govinda's (our catering provider) so that they can provide for your child accordingly.

We encourage parents to visit the school to sample the school lunches in order to satisfy themselves with the quality of provision. All children in Reception, Years 1&2 are eligible for Universal Free School Meals.







Life at Avanti



Wellbeing wisdom

Avanti staff have access to regular wellbeing and ethos training sessions. Our previous sessions have been led by medical professionals, corporate coaches and wellbeing experts. We discuss everything from how to overcome stress, the benefits of yoga and meditation, to learning about ourselves and our own spiritual journey.



Retreats

Staff and upper KS2 (year 6) pupils will have an opportunity to go to annual off-site retreats. These are fantastic retreats allowing; individuals to nurture and develop more friendships, engage in fulfilling activities whilst going out of their comfort zone, improve overall wellbeing and reconnect with nature.



Wide, rigorous and unique curriculum offer

Our schools offer a dynamic classroom approach in which pupils actively explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire a deeper knowledge. Pupils at all ages engage in projects, from studying the environment to social experiments to working on scientific innovations.



Yoga

Every student has access to Yoga and Mindfulness sessions ranging from 20 minutes to 1 hour a week. Yoga and Mindfulness help to ground pupils, relieve stress and improve their overall health and wellbeing.



Fresh vegetarian meals

We believe a healthy gut is the basis of a healthy life, and that's why it's so important to us that we only use the freshest ingredients when preparing our tasty, nutritious vegetarian meals available for all children.



Avanti Community

Avanti hosts regular events for parents and the wider community. This is a series of events focused around wellbeing and development for parents in their personal and family lives.

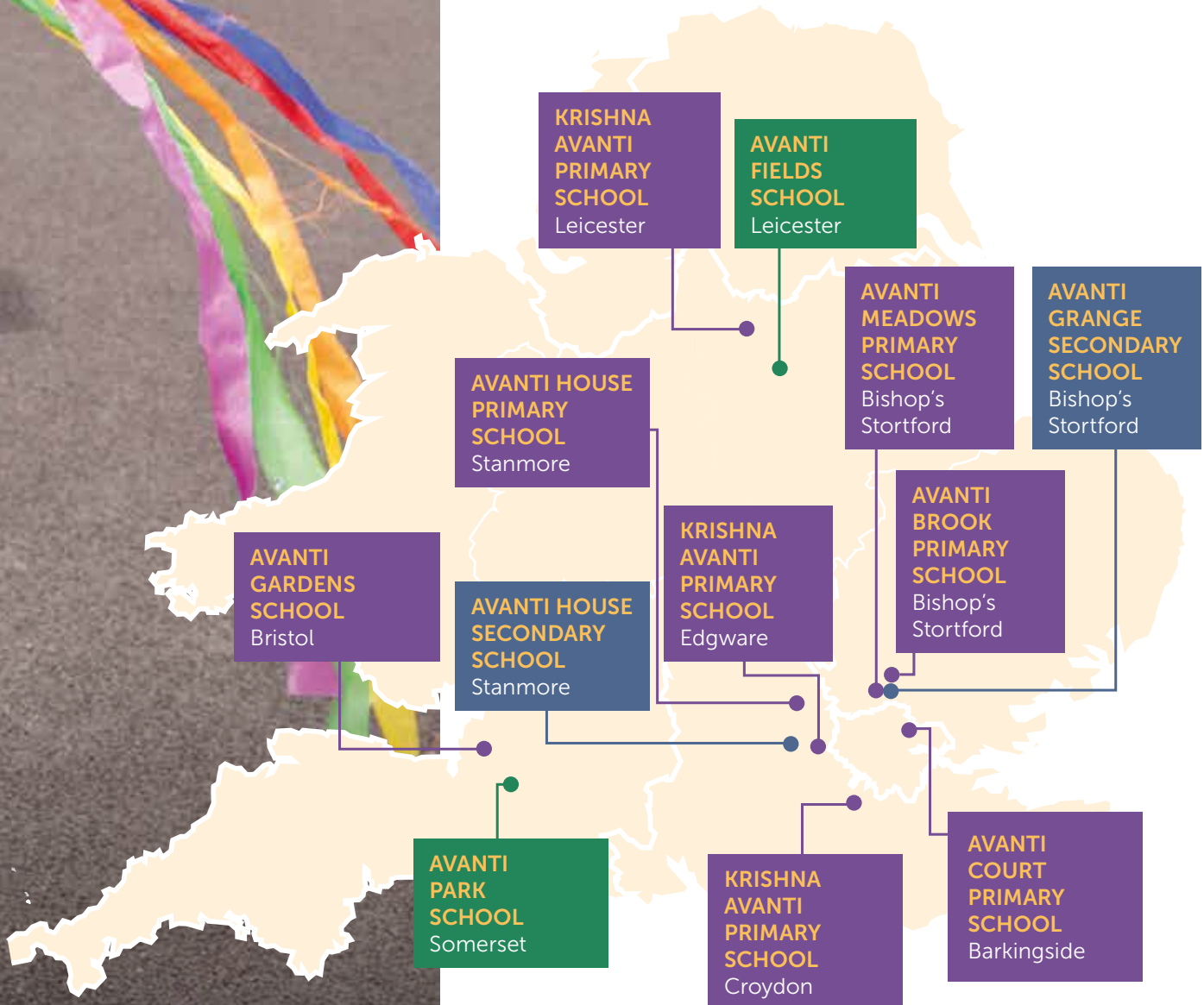





Avanti Schools Trust

Avanti Schools are based across the country. The idea for Avanti began in 2003 and our first school was opened in 2008. Our vision was for a family of schools based upon our core principles of educational excellence, character formation, and spiritual insight. We now have over 5500 students and 700+ members of staff across our family of 12 schools.

Avanti has a proven approach to school development and improvement, with excellent pupil outcomes across our schools for example our school outcomes are amongst the top 10% in the country at Key Stage 2 and 4.




Reviews of our schools and the Avanti Schools Trust



"We have been with the school for four years now and are very happy. Our daughter is thriving, she has had the most wonderful teachers and built strong friendship groups, we have also developed a wide network of friends through the parent community. The grounds are simply beautiful and my daughter loves the extra curricular yoga class. Avanti Schools remains my first choice of school in the area and I'm looking forward to my son joining next year."

Parent
of child in Year 4



"Thank you for welcoming me to the school today. It has been inspiring to meet staff and students so engaged in learning. My congratulations to everyone involved in the conception and opening of this splendid premises."

Damian Hinds
Former Secretary of State
for Education

"The provision for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is exceptional.

School leaders and governors, through the Avanti Trust, are wholly committed to ambitious outcomes for all pupils."

Ofsted

"My son really enjoys going to Avanti Schools. He enjoys all the interactive learning and loves playing ball games in the sunken lawn after lunch. The staff are fabulous and very enthusiastic. They really try to meet individual needs of the children. The school has beautiful building and grounds. It's wonderful to see the children get to use them all."

Parent
of child in Year 2

"We are so pleased with Avanti Schools. Our son was given such a warm welcome and settled in immediately. He thoroughly enjoys his lessons, and the beautiful grounds and historic buildings really inspire the children's imaginative play. The curriculum is broad and the lessons really engage his creativity and curiosity. Best of all, the teachers are kind, enthusiastic, and extremely supportive of the children's learning and all-round development."

Parent
of child in Year 3

"The teachers are always there to support you. The whole school is like a family. The teachers always encourage you and set you high targets. Even during the hard times we get a lot of help and the school wouldn't be the school it is without the teachers we have."

Student
Avanti School



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A photograph of two young boys in school uniforms. They are both smiling and looking towards the left. The boy on the left is clapping his hands. They are wearing white polo shirts. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a metal fence.

Admissions

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

avanti.org.uk/avantibrook/admissions/

APPLY VIA THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNCIL ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

hertfordshire.gov.uk/actweb/education/admissions/startpage.cfm

A Journey of Self-Discovery

AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST

The Trust website is a good starting point to learn about the Avanti vision at play in our schools. Short videos are also online.



www.avanti.org.uk

SCHOOL LIFE IN DETAIL

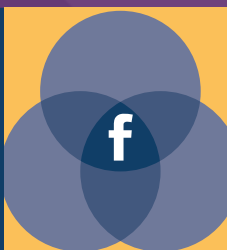
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



www.avanti.org.uk/avantibrook

SOCIALISING

We use Facebook as a shared community page where many school and Trust highlights are broadcast – a great way to stay informed and in touch.



www.facebook.com/avantibrook

INSTAGRAM

Beyond the classroom walls, Instagram is a window into the incredible community of Avanti House Secondary; where education, discovery and growth thrive.



[@avantibrook](https://www.instagram.com/avantibrook)

X

At Avanti Brook Primary School we use X to keep everyone updated about the amazing work our teachers and pupils are doing.



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