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# Consultation Report: Avanti House Secondary School 2023 (for Admissions Arrangements 2025-26)

Thank you for taking the time to read the consultation report for Avanti House Secondary Schools Admissions Policy. The consultation period ran from 6th November – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Avanti House Secondary School ("the School") is part of the Avanti Schools Trust. The School is an inclusive provision that brings together families from all backgrounds. Further information about the School can be found by visiting the website at https://avanti.org.uk/avantihouse-secondary/

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.

# **Proposed changes**

In the recent revision of the Admissions arrangements, the Trust proposed the following changes:

- Oversubscription Criteria 6: Up to 15 Hindu children with a practising Hindu parent who do not meet the requirements in criteria 5.
- For clarity there is no closing date for in-year admissions applications.
- Waiting lists are held for the duration of the school year after which time parents and carers will need to reapply for their child.

# In accordance with the Admissions Code, the Trust consulted with the following:

- Avanti House Secondary School Staff
- Avanti House Secondary School Parents
- Local Schools
- LA
- Local Community
- ISKCON Foundation

# **Feedback**

- The proposed amendment of wording in criteria 6 was not included due to potential confusion as received in the feedback.
- In-year admissions: The following wording has been included in the policy to provide further clarity for applicants:

Applications for in-year admissions should be made to the Local Authority. If more applications are received than there are places available, applications will be ranked by the admissions authority in accordance with the over-subscription criteria as outlined above, with the exception of criterion 3 which will not apply to in-year admissions. Applicants will be notified of the outcomes by the local authority.

If all of the 15 places referred to in criteria 5 and 6 have already been allocated to a particular year group and subsequent in-year admissions are made, this criterion will only be considered if a student who was admitted under that criterion leaves the school. All applicants who apply for a place under criteria 5 and 6 are also considered under criterion 7.

• Waiting lists are held for the duration of the school year after which time parents and carers will need to reapply for their child.

# **Decision**

The changes to the admissions policy for Avanti House Secondary School were approved by the admissions authority, the Trust Board.