



# AVANTI MEADOWS

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Thank you for applying to Avanti Meadows Primary School. I understand that you may have several questions prior to accepting the offer of a school place. I hope this FAQ will aid you in making an informed decision.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further assistance.

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Kind regards,

**Cimone Brown**  
**Head of School**

***"I have researched the Avanti School Trust and notice that many of your schools are Hindu-faith schools. Is Avanti Meadows?"***

All schools in the Avanti Schools Trust prepare pupils for their respective life-journeys by promoting educational excellence, character formation and spiritual insight.

Avanti Meadows Primary is a mainstream, non-denominational (non-faith) school and like all the Avanti Trust Schools, welcome children from all backgrounds. Within the Avanti family, there are currently four non-denominational schools. Three in the southwest of the country and Avanti Meadows. In the coming years, a further two non-denominational schools will also be opening in Hertfordshire.

***"When does the school term start? Where can i find the term dates?"***

Avanti Meadows term starts on Thursday 1st September. Thursday and Friday 2nd September are both INSET days and so children from Year 1 to Year 6 will attend school bright and early on Monday 6th September.

Term dates can be found [here](#)

### ***"What are the timings of the school day?"***

School starts at 8.30 am and ends at 3.10 pm

Children should arrive between 8.15 am-8.25 am. This ensures they are in class and ready for learning at 8.30 am when the register is taken. Any child arriving after 8.30 am will be marked as late.

Linked to our school ethos, we are proactive in protecting the planet. To this end, we actively encourage parents and children to walk to and from school. We will use the first 2 weeks to assess the traffic situation and will share information regarding a drop-off/pick-up system if needed.

### ***"Where can I buy the school uniform?"***

The school uniform is available to purchase at [www.brigade.co.uk](http://www.brigade.co.uk)

The compulsory school badge/logo items are:-School jumper or cardigan, and schoolbook bag.

Our coat and bag areas are within the classroom and to ensure they remain tidy and clutter-free, we strongly recommend that the school-branded pe kit bags are purchased, instead of larger rucksack style bags.

All other items of clothing can be purchased via the high-street. Advice regarding sizing etc. can be found on the school website [here](#)

### ***"I am so happy that Avanti Meadows is now opening to year groups other than Reception. Can you share any further information about class organisation?"***

We are so pleased to be opening to more children and understand that Avanti Meadows is a welcome addition to the family of primary schools already established in the area. In September, we will be opening four classes. Reception, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6. We have recruited experienced, qualified teachers for each class.

### ***"Can you tell me more about the school lunches? Why are they vegetarian?"***

In line with the Avanti Schools Trust ethos, all school lunches are meat-free and egg-free. Lunches are prepared by our catering company, Govindas. Govinda's supply fresh nutritional vegetarian meals to Academies, Primary and Secondary schools across the country. Their meals are carefully crafted and prepared to include all the essential nutrients that a child need. They work hard to ensure the meals are nourishing, tasty and even more importantly-food that children enjoy. Packed lunches are not permitted at Avanti Meadows.

If your child has an allergy, please inform us on the school enrollment form. Once you provide a letter/care plan from your doctor, a meeting will be arranged between yourself and the school admin team to ensure school lunches are appropriate for your child's medical needs.

A sample lunch menu is available on the school website, [here](#).

***"What about wrap-around care?"***

At the moment, Avanti Meadows does not provide wrap-around care. In September, we will ask all families if they need breakfast club provision, after school club or both. We will then share these numbers with well-established, interested companies. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

***"When will I be able to tour the school?"***

As we are sure you are aware, Avanti Meadows Primary School played a key role in Covid-19 vaccination roll-out to the Bishops Stortford community. We are so proud to be part of history and to have partnered with the NHS during the pandemic. We are now in the process of taking up occupancy and turning this brand-new but empty building into a warm and inviting school. This does mean that unfortunately, we cannot provide tours.

I will carry out a Zoom call in the first week to greet new parents. In the 2nd week, parents will be invited into school to meet the class teacher and have a school tour.

***"How will you involve parents in school life?"***

Communication and parent-partnership is key to a school functioning well. We will hold regular meetings regarding the curriculum and how you can support your child. I will host fortnightly coffee mornings via zoom. All parents are invited to be a part of FOAM (Friends of Avanti Meadows) our parents, teachers and friends association. FOAM will meet regularly and support the school by organising fundraising events, coffee meetings and provide a link between parents, teachers, children and the local community.

***"Can you tell me more about the Secondary school?"***

Avanti Meadows Primary School will be part of the larger Avanti Learning Village, a new all-through (4 to 16) provision in the north of Bishop's Stortford. The new Avanti Learning Village will offer parents the opportunity for their children to benefit from a comprehensive and coherent learning journey from nursery right through to aged 16 and GCSEs.

Avanti Grange Secondary School will open in September 2022 on the Avanti Meadows site, before moving to a new, permanent site in September 2023. The secondary school will open with 4 FE (Year 7 students only) in September 2022 (whilst on-site with Avanti Meadows), rising to 6 FE from September 2023.