



KRISHNA AVANTI
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Krishna Avanti Primary School, Croydon



Welcome to Krishna Avanti Primary School, Croydon. (KAPSC)

'In and out of lessons, pupils consistently cooperate well, acting with kindness and gentleness towards one another'.

(Ofsted 2019)

At the Avanti Schools Trust we know our children, parents, and staff are all very proud of the school; the family feel within the school, the high expectations and the caring and nurturing environment.

At KAPSC we provide an engaging curriculum with a creative and inspiring approach to teaching and learning. In providing a wide range of enrichment activities, we ensure all our pupils are at the heart of everything we do. Music, Arts, Sports, Spanish, Sanskrit & Yoga, as well as a wide range of extra-curricular activities are organised for our pupil's broader development.

KAPSC is a supportive, nurturing and inclusive school where pupils have a voice. We strive to ensure that children become independent, motivated and confident learners, who work to their fullest potential. The Avanti Schools Trust's vision is for each and every pupil to be an inspired lifelong learner, who is prepared for challenge as well as change. We encourage success through instilling a love for learning, the ability to think critically and make informed choices. In equipping our children with skills to accompany their learning journey beyond KAPSC, our learners will not only be part of those who shape society but in doing so, become responsible citizens.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our warm and welcoming school.

Bijal Pandya
School Principal



Our vision

At Krishna Avanti Primary School, our aim is to enable our students to be the very best version of themselves and ultimately contribute to making the world a better place (The Avanti Way).

Through a curriculum built on the Avanti three pillars and by actions underpinned by the six core values, students are able to learn, develop and grow into a life of fulfilled potential.



Core principles

 <p>We have incredible potential and can achieve this when nurturing all parts of ourselves – intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual.</p> <p>1</p>	 <p>We choose how we wish to respond to life and what we nurture within.</p> <p>2</p>	 <p>We care for and respect all life – human, animal and plant – and live in a way that causes the least possible harm.</p> <p>3</p>
 <p>We each observe the one same reality from our own unique perspective and engage in open-minded dialogue to deeply enrich our vision.</p> <p>4</p>	 <p>We serve a higher purpose by living a meaningful and satisfying life of contribution.</p> <p>5</p>	 <p>We are nourished by personal relationships that fulfil our need to love and be loved, encouraging us to be the best we can be.</p> <p>6</p>

The three pillars

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



Educational excellence

Our vision for educational excellence is one where deeply inspired teachers nurture joyful students and nourish their innate passion for learning. Learning is a quest to discover each student's unique gifts and potential and lay the foundation for their lifelong journey of learning. This is inseparable from high academic standards, where a challenging holistic curriculum cultivates independently thoughtful and reflective students by working towards a sense of mastery, emphasising depth, and not just breadth.



Character formation

Our vision for character formation is one where virtues are taught by example and a supportive community of learners fosters a powerful sense of individual and collective purpose. Learning develops for these conscious changemakers as a quest for making the world a better place, starting with oneself. The capacity to internalise and put into practice what we have learned is the true test of learning. Building this capacity demands an experiential, virtues-led curriculum that embraces collaboration, custodianship and global perspectives.



Spiritual insight

Our vision for spiritual insight is one where our interconnectedness with all living beings and with the universe, urges acts born out of humility and love, and the Self is perceived beyond its layers of coverings. Learning blossoms for these seekers as a quest for self-discovery and opens the door to their unlimited potential; an antidote to the emptiness of a materialistic or mechanistic world view. The curriculum unveils the possibilities of sacredness and transcendence at every moment and so engenders a deeply positive attitude to life, enduring happiness and heartfelt relationships.

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:

- The very best teaching in every subject and every classroom;
- A rigorous curriculum that challenges and stretches every student 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, sport and music related activities;
- A wide range of local, national and international educational visits;
- Clear and precise feedback that enables every student to master key skills and build their understanding;
- Opportunities to contribute to the life of the school and develop their leadership skills;
- A safe learning environment in which your child can flourish and be happy



Tour of the school



Reception ▲

Pass through our welcoming reception where a member of staff is always ready to help and serve our community.



Play areas ▼

We have newly refurbished play areas surrounding both lower and upper parts of the school. These are fantastic areas for break times and weekly supervised PE lessons.



Classrooms ▼

Each room boasts its own uniquely themed personality, with abundant displays of outstanding work by our very own pupils.



Music room ◀

This area supports the pupil's creative talents where they listen, perform, and learn from the masters of music!



Main hall ▼

Our spacious and bright hall is used throughout the day for many uses such as 'all school' assemblies, PE, special end of term performances as well as community events organised by our friendly and social 'Friends of Krishna Avanti Primary School' (FoKAS) and SSC.



Temple ▶

The heart of the school which is home to our Deities can be found inside our main hall where all our congregated activities take place.



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

At Krishna Avanti Primary School, we want our students' to gain first hand experiences of education to be enjoyable and engaging At ACPS, we offer 15 hour Nursery provision, where children are able to experience a rich curriculum at the age of three years. We expect 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, 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 firm understanding of phonics, and will offer additional directed support to those with need.

Children will be offered a broad, balanced Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. 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 Stage 1 & 2

Krishna Avanti Primary School offers a unique curriculum, which is developing at pace. We currently teach all the subjects in the National Curriculum i.e: English, Maths, Science, Computing, Design & Technology, History, Geography, Music, Art, Personal, Social Health Education (PSHE).

We also have a number of visiting specialists who support learning and the development of innovative practice in ICT, Expressive Arts, Modern Foreign Languages, Sanskrit PE and Yoga.

We encourage our children to experience learning outside of the classroom setting and often extend their learning opportunities by taking the children out on extra-curricular visits to different places of interest, in order to reinforce their learning and encourage further engagement in particular topics, themes or subject knowledge.



Uniform

Uniform and achievement have always been a high priority for the Avanti Schools Trust. We believe the way in which students wear their school uniform reflects the importance which is placed on attention to detail and pride in the school. The smart appearance of our students 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 school) 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 diet 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.

We strongly encourage parents who have financial constraints to apply for Free School Meals. An application form can be obtained from the school office. Any forms received by the school will be kept confidential.

All children at Krishna Avanti Primary School must have a school lunch - packed lunches are not an option. Meals can be designed to meet the needs of children with specific allergies.

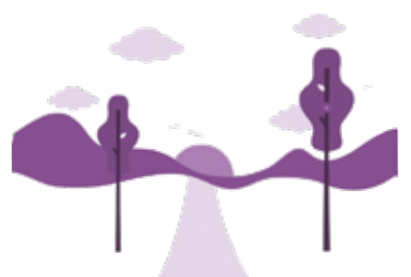


Life at Avanti



Wellbeing wisdom

Avanti staff have access to regular wellbeing sessions. Our previous sessions have been led by medical professionals, corporate coaches and even monks! We discuss everything from how to overcome stress to learning about meditation.



Retreats

Staff and upper KS2 students 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 students actively explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire a deeper knowledge. Students 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 ground students, 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

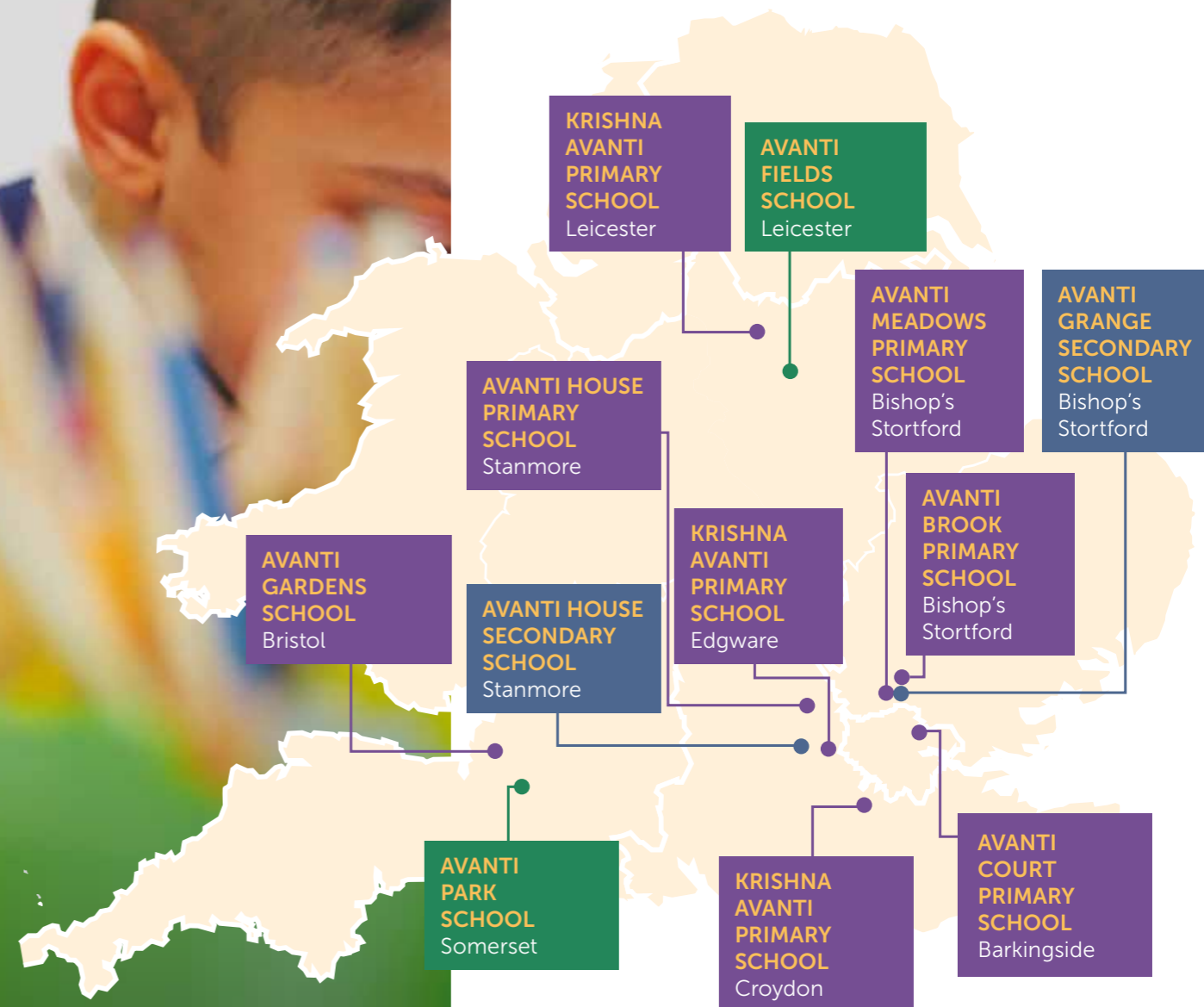
Avanti hosts regular events for parents and the wider community. This is a series of events focused around wellbeing and development for parents in their personal and family lives.



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 5000 students and 600 members of staff across our family of 12 schools.

Avanti has a proven approach to school development and improvement, with excellent student 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 Avanti Schools Trust



“Being at Avanti makes work so enjoyable and a place that I look forward to going to work everyday. The environment is perfect not only for academics but for spiritual insight.”

Teacher
at Avanti

“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

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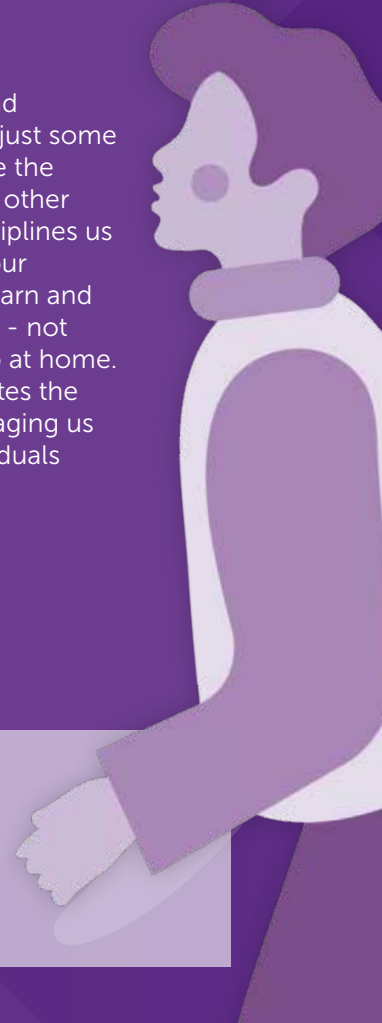
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“The school is a place I can happily call my second home. The environment captures all aspects of a quality education where everyone aspires to be the best versions of themselves and exceed their expectations. I couldn’t image a friendlier, more pleasant and safer place to be inspired to learn in.”

Student
Avanti School

“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



“The school’s ethos and collective worship are just some of the things that make the school stand out from other schools. Its ethos disciplines us and helps us to build our character so we can learn and become better people - not only at school but also at home. Collective worship unites the whole school, encouraging us to feel like many individuals part of one big family.”

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Admissions

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

<https://avanti.org.uk/kapscroydon/>

APPLY VIA THE CROYDEN COUNCIL ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

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

HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

The Avanti Life magazine brings you the very best of what is happening within our family of schools. Also available in print.



www.avanti.life

SCHOOL LIFE IN DETAIL

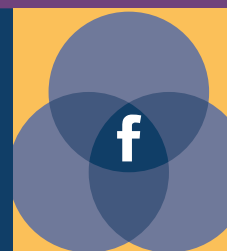
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



www.avanti.org.uk/kapscroydon

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/avantischoolstrust

TWITTER

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



[@Avanti_KAPSC](https://twitter.com/Avanti_KAPSC)

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