



KRISHNA AVANTI
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Krishna Avanti Primary School, Harrow



Welcome from Shriti Bellare, Principal

Welcome to Krishna Avanti Primary School, Harrow. (KAPS)

Welcome to Krishna Avanti Primary School. It is a great privilege to be appointed the Principal of Krishna Avanti.

I am supported by a highly skilled and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are our greatest resource. The staff at Krishna Avanti

work tirelessly to provide the best teaching and learning experience for each child. We want our pupils to enjoy coming to school and to be enthusiastic about learning. We nurture and encourage pupils and hopefully, inspire them to be active participants in their own personal development and education.

At Krishna Avanti we have developed a strong learning culture and all members of the community are continually striving to become the very best we can be. Our school is an exciting place to work and learn. We provide a lively, creative curriculum which challenges, inspires and motivates our pupils and enables them to participate in a range of high quality learning opportunities.

"There's a brilliant child locked inside every student," Marva Collins.

This quote embodies our commitment to an ethos of inclusion and high expectations for all. It is a place where children become happy and positive young citizens. Learning to develop a strong sense of self and feel proud of who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.

I hope that you enjoy exploring this website and finding out more about our school. We are passionately committed to individual achievement, personal growth and the pursuit of excellence for every child. If you do have any questions, please contact the school office.

Shriti Bellare
Principal



Our vision

At Krishna Avanti Primary School, our aim is to enable our pupils 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, pupils are able to learn, develop and grow into a life of fulfilled potential.

Gratitude

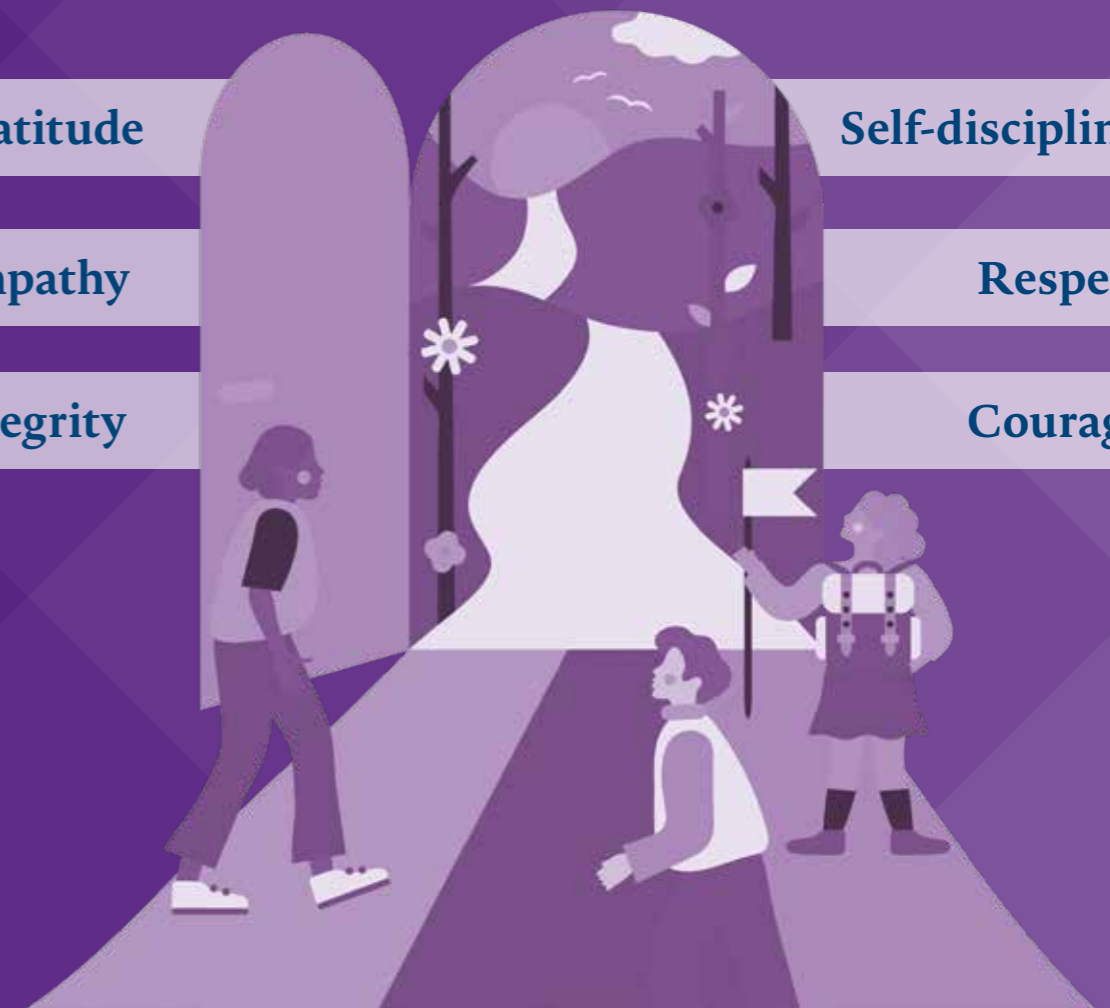
Empathy

Integrity

Self-discipline

Respect

Courage



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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils

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 area ▲

Playgrounds surrounding both the lower and upper part of the school provide our pupils with access to their own sport and leisure facilities.



Classrooms ▼

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



Creative kitchen ▼

A dedicated space for pupils to learn, grow and develop skills. Used by all year groups and after-school clubs.



Main hall ▼

The main hall has been our stage for many assemblies and works of art. It also doubles as a dedicated lunch area for pupils to enjoy nutritionally balanced and delicious vegetarian meals prepared and served with love.



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.



Sports hall ▼

Our Sports Hall is combined with the Main Hall. State of the art PE equipment combined with great teaching allows pupils to engage with a variety of sports and activities.



Learning and teaching

We will create a learning culture which recognises that we are all lifelong learners. Pupils will be challenged in every lesson to adopt a positive, 'can do' mindset and to demonstrate progress and improvement. We will develop pupils' capacity to learn so they become more and more independent as they progress through the school. We believe that pupils who understand the psychology of thinking and learning, and are engaged by inspirational teaching, achieve the highest levels of success.

10 elements of great learning and teaching in Avanti Trust Schools

Through a planned programme of training and development supported by The Avanti Institute we will ensure that all Avanti Trust Schools have a highly developed sense of what constitutes great teaching. We will 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 will ensure that all our teachers:

1. Provide explanations and instructions that are clear and concise
2. Check every student's understanding before moving on to new topics
3. Model excellence through effective scaffolding of ideas and concepts
4. Ensure that the needs of every student are understood, planned for and met
5. Continuously engage and intellectually challenge pupils in their class
6. Plan activities that will enable pupils to demonstrate understanding and master skills
7. Manage pupils behaviour in a measured and proportionate manner
8. Help pupils recall and apply prior learning to new contexts
9. Make clear to pupils how their learning will be assessed
10. Provide precise feedback that helps pupils re-draft and improve their work



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Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage

At Krishna Avanti Primary School, we want our pupils' to gain first hand experiences of education to be enjoyable and engaging. 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.

Leaders make sure that reading is a priority. They have clear expectations of the delivery of the daily phonics sessions. (Ofsted 2022).

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 Yoga and meditation, PRE, Sanskrit and French.

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 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 pupils 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. 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.



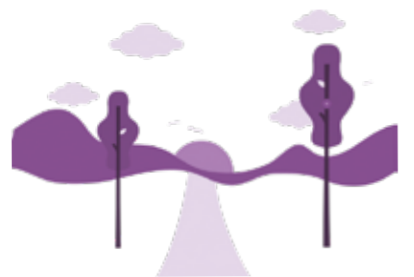


Life at Avanti



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 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 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 Nights

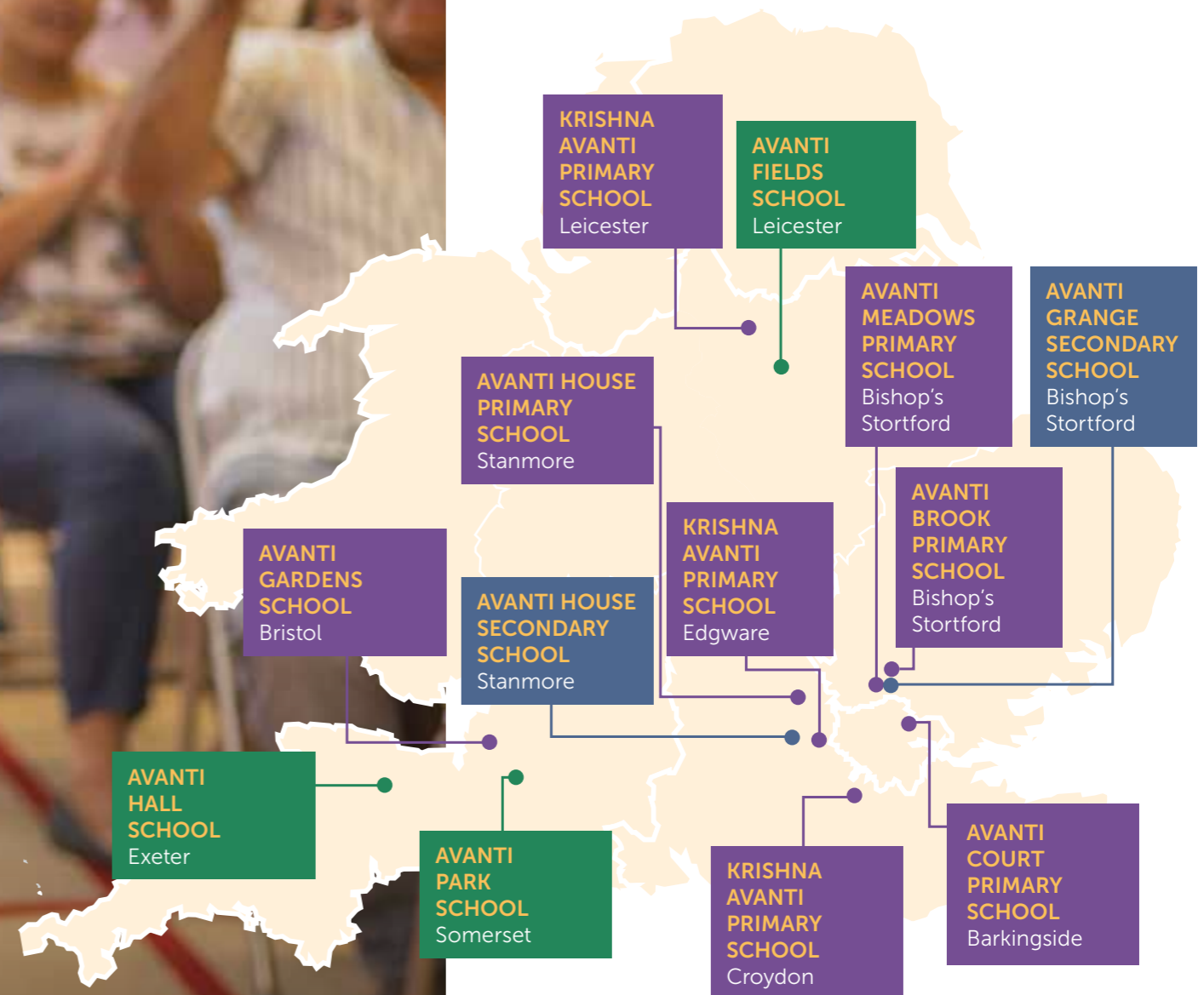
Avanti hosts regular events called "Avanti Nights" for parents and the wider community. This is a series of events focused around wellbeing and development for parents in their personal and family lives.




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 close to 4,700 pupils and 600 members of staff across our family of 11 schools with three more schools in pre-opening.

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 from parents and guests



“One main thing we learn about here at school is gratitude. Gratitude is about being grateful for what you do have and how you can help others who don’t have what you do. Here at Avanti they’ve helped me to foster my love for biology and science. So my goals are to become a paediatrician or a doctor in the future.”

Student
at Avanti

“They are very curious learners, always eager to come to school, getting busy, doing everything they possibly can to become independent learners. So me and my team support the children in their phonics, different areas of learning and they are such a joy to teach. The children learn how to become mindful, how to become patient, which helps them to self regulate and to be at peace. Mindfulness sessions with the children and their parents, which has taught the parents how to be calm, techniques to their children at home as well as we do at school.”

Teacher
at Avanti

“Thank you for welcoming me to the school today. It has been inspiring to meet staff and pupils 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.

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“Coming into the school and the first thing you do is pray. Go and pray, ask God to help you for your day, to ask for help, for love. Afterwards you just feel ready to give a hundred percent of yourself, maybe more.”

**SEN Teaching
assistant**
Avanti School

“I’m in year six and my parents are from Iraq. I’m a pujari in the school. I offer arti to Krishna and Balaram. When I worship Krishna and Balaram, I normally feel really calm, all my stress goes away and it feels like it’s just me and God and I’m worshipping Him and there’s no one else there.”

Student
at Avanti

“I have two children in reception and in year two. I’m also acting chair of SSC. My eldest in year two has come leaps and bounds since his time in reception. The teachers are hands on with our children. They take the time to get to know our children and to know their likes and dislikes, their strengths, their weaknesses and how best to help them further in their schooling. They take the time to talk to parents or hear out any concerns that they may have. They do take the time to hear us out and support our children really well.”

Parent
of child at KAPSH

“What I realise at this school is they come with such strong moral values and they know the importance of respecting and being respectful. There is a lot of empathy. So, in their day to day life, they showcase the Avanti values within their behaviour. As a teacher, I think that is such a lovely thing to see and to experience.”

Teacher
at Avanti

VIPs

Avanti schools have hosted Her Majesty The Queen, Justine Greening (Secretary of State), Nick Gibb (Minister for Schools), Lord Nash and Michael Gove (Secretary of State) and even Swami Ramdev who came to teach the pupils yoga!

Pupils from Avanti have performed at venues as diverse as 10 Downing Street to Wembley Stadium for PM Narendra Modi and PM David Cameron, and the Royal Festival Hall.



Her Majesty the Queen



Prime Minister Teresa May at Downing Street



Damian Hinds, Secretary of State

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

<https://avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow/admissions/>

APPLY VIA HARROW COUNCIL ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schools-learning/apply-primary-school-place>

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

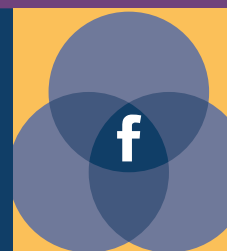
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow

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.



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

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