



**KRISHNA AVANTI**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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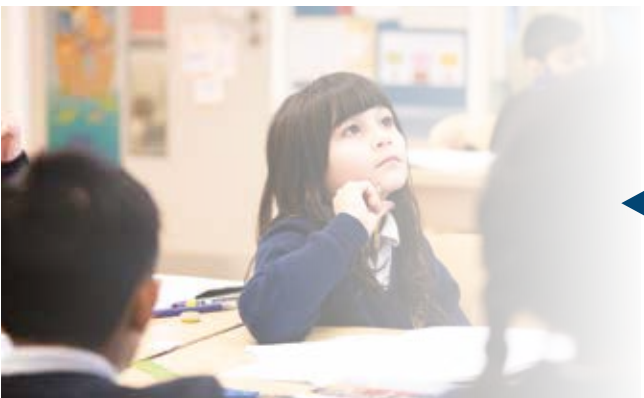
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# Krishna Avanti Primary School, Harrow



## 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 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 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 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, sport and music related activities;
- A wide range of local, national and international 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;
- A safe learning environment in which your child can flourish and be happy







# Tour of the school



## Classrooms ▼

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

## Reception ▲

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



## Creative kitchen ▼

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



## 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.





## 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.





# 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 pupil 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 pupils to demonstrate understanding and master skills.”







# 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 for Free School Meals (FSM) can be completed online via the secure LGFL website link [pps.lgfl.org.uk](https://pps.lgfl.org.uk). You will receive instant results of your FSM application submitted and information will be shared to the school via LFGL. Your details 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 pupil 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 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.



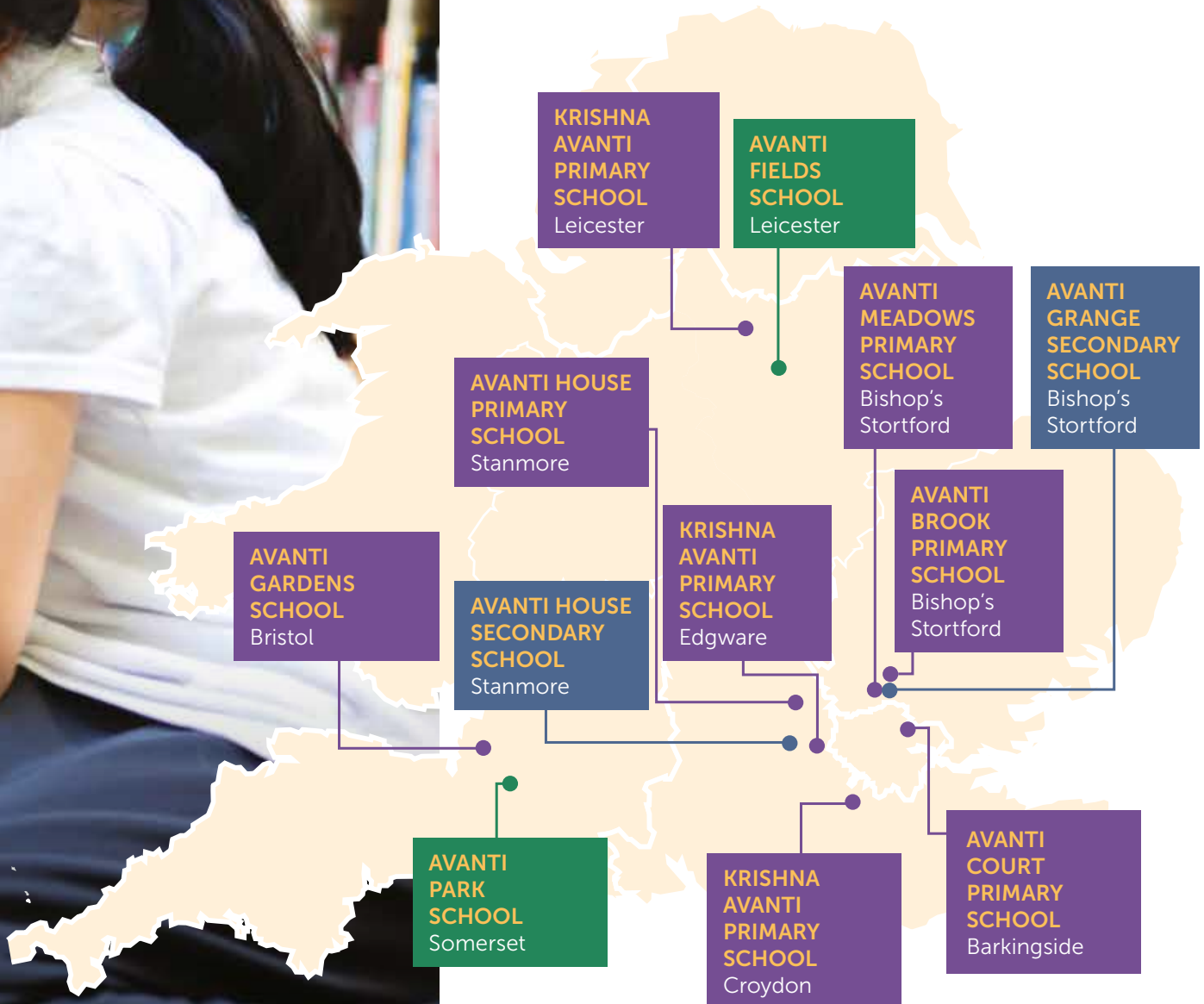




# Avanti Schools Trust


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 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 "

**Pupil**  
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

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**Ofsted**

"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."

## Pupil

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 Theresa May at Downing Street



Damian Hinds, Secretary of State

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# Admissions

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

[avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow/admissions/](https://avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow/admissions/)

APPLY VIA HARROW COUNCIL ADMISSIONS WEBSITE

[harrow.gov.uk/schools-learning/apply-primary-school-place](https://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](http://www.avanti.org.uk)

## SCHOOL LIFE IN DETAIL

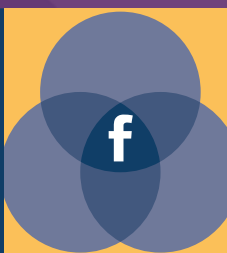
The school website offers up-to-date information on key aspects of school life, from ethos to admissions; school lunches to job opportunities.



[www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow](http://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/AvantiSchools](http://www.facebook.com/AvantiSchools)

## INSTAGRAM

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



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

## X

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



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

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