



AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2025 - 2026

This policy is in force until further notice
from:

1. Children Looked After¹, previously looked after children and children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children with a sibling² attending Avanti House Primary School or Avanti House Secondary School at the time of application. Details of sibling to be included in the Common Application Form submitted to the Local Authority.
3. Children of a member of the

For the purpose of this policy, the child's home address will be the residential address at which the child lives and sleeps for more than 50% of their time from Monday to Friday during term time. It will alternatively be the address at which Child Benefit is claimed or, if ineligible, the address at which the child is registered with their GP and dentist. Business addresses will not be accepted.

The child must be living at the address at the time of application and is anticipated to be living there at the time of admission.

Where an issue arises, the Trust Board reserves the right to seek supporting evidence that the residential address stated in the application for admission meets this definition before the child is admitted.

The children of UK service personnel (UK armed forces) with a confirmed posting, or crown servants serving overseas, the admission authority will accept an application for admission of the family

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Children are entitled to a full-time place in Reception Year in the September following their fourth birthday. Children do not, however, reach compulsory school age until one of three prescribed days following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday, if it falls on a prescribed day). These prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

Parents who achieve a place for their child in Reception Year have a right to decide that they will defer the date that their child will start school until their child reaches compulsory school age, without losing the achieved place. Parents who defer the date that their child will start school must agree the decision in writing with the school.

In respect of parents of "summer born children" (i.e. children born on or between 1 April and 31 August) their children are considered to reach compulsory school age on 31 August following their fifth birthday if it falls on 31 August); these parents cannot defer the date that their child will start school beyond the first day of the final term of the school year without losing the place that has been achieved, which will then be allocated to another child.

Parents of "summer born children" do, however, have the right to release the achieved place and delay their child's start date for one whole academic year, when they will either seek

Parents have a right to ask for their child to be admitted to a school to a year group other than their child's year group, either above or below. It is, however, for the Trust Board to determine whether to agree or refuse the application.

In particular, parents of "summer born children" (i.e. those born on or between 1 April and

The School is committed to taking a fair and reasonable proportion of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as identified in the locally agreed Fair Access Protocol. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round, the Trust Board will admit a child for whom a place is requested under the Fair Access Protocol agreed for that school year, even where this will result in the PAN being exceeded.

The School operates a waiting list for each year group for the duration of the school year. The names of all children who do not achieve a place in Reception Year will be placed on the waiting list, and it will be open to other parents to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list following an unsuccessful application.

A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above, and not by reference to the date that the application for admission was made. This means that a child's place on the waiting list may go down as well as up, as more applications are received from children with higher priority.

Parents applying with a SIF are required to update the form annually.

Parents have a statutory right of appeal to an independent appeal panel in the event of a refusal of a place. Appeals are dealt with strictly in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code 2022.

Information on the appeal timetable (including the appeal timetable) can be found on the school website. For more information, please contact the school office on 01223 842 595. Email: admissions@stjamesprimary.co.uk

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