Introductory Statement

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan

As required by Section 324 of the Education Act 1996, Avanti Meadows Primary School will offer a place to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school.

Children will be admitted to the school under separate statutory procedures, rather than under this policy. Where they will be admitted in the normal admission round (i.e. in the September following their fourth birthday), the number of places available within the PAN stated above will be reduced, otherwise they will be admitted over the PAN where necessary.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the school is oversubscribed, the available places will be allocated to children in the following order of priority:

- Children Looked After, 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 sibling** attending the school at the time of application.
- 3. Children living in the (boundaries/map included)
- 4. Children of a member of the staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application.
- 5. All other children.

* A after means any child who is in the care of a local authority or is being accommodated by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions as defined in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A child who was previously looked after means a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, became subject to a child arrangements order (defined by Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended), or became subject to a special guardianship order (defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989). Relevant evidence will be required to be submitted (as per section 2.5 of the 2021 Admissions Code). A child who appears to have been in state care outside of England means a child who was in the care of or was accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation, or other care provider whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

а

step-brother or sister or a foster brother or sister. For the avoidance of doubt, the children of extended family members (for example, cousins) or friends will not be a sibling for the purpose of this policy. Living in the same house?

Order of Allocation and Tie-Breaker

The order in which places will be allocated in each of the categories above will be by reference to

schools and individual residences. When measurements involve flats in the same block, the distance will be to the main entrance of the block, with those on lower floors given priority.

In using distance as a tie-breaker, should there be more than one applicant for a final place living an identical distance from the school in question, the county council on behalf of the school, will use the random allocation facility within the Synergy

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 should note that, where the Trust Board refuses a request for admission to a year other

the

Complaints Policy. Where a request is refused, the Trust Board will write to the parents clearly setting out their reasons for doing so. Where the Trust Board agrees a request in principle, they will write to the parents confirming their agreement. A request for admission outside normal age group is not an application for admission, and parents will need to submit a separate application for admission in the usual way at the appropriate time. Where a request for admission to a different year group has been agreed in principle, the letter from the Trust Board confirming this must be submitted with the application for admission.

It is important for parents to note that obtain admission to a different year group does not mean that the child will achieve a place in that year group. The separate application for admission will be considered with all other applications for that year group and the oversubscription criteria applied where necessary.

This means that parents who obtain agreement in principle to their child being admitted one year later than usual to Reception Year may not achieve a place, and will then be in the position of having to apply to other schools for admission outside normal age group, or applying for admission to Year 1 which is subject to place availability.

Applications for Admission

Applications for admission for 2021 should be made on the online school application form available at www.hertfordshire.giv.uk/admissions by the closing date, which is 15th January 2023. Parents

Fair Access Protocol

The school is committed to taking a fair and reasonable proportion of children who are vulnerableand/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.

Waiting Lists

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 name to be placed on the waiting list following an unsuccessful application.

determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above, and not by reference to the date that the application for may go down as well as up, as more applications are received from children with higher priority.

Statutory

fraudulent or intentionally misleading applications, the School reserves the right to ask for additional information to check the veracity of the address and other information provided in the application.