Avanti Meadows Primary School, Bishop's Stortford

Admission Policy for 2021/2022

Introductory Statement

Avanti Meadows Primary School is part of the Avanti Schools Trust, more information about the school can be found by visiting the website at <u>www.avanti.org.uk/avantimeadows</u>

schools within the trust, and is responsible for determining and implementing the admission arrangements for those schools.

Avanti Meadows Primary School is part of the Avanti Learning Village, the new all-through (4 to 16)

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the school is oversubscribed, the available places will be allocated to children in the following

made the subject of a child arrangement order or special guardianship order may be made under this rule.

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a 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.

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 the distance the child lives from the school, with those living dosest to the school receiving highest

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two decimal places. The measurement is taken from

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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.

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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 Admissions and Transfers pupil data base which is used for allocations.

Child's Home Address

child lives and sleeps for more than 50% of their time from Monday to Friday during term time. If a child spends time equally at two addresses it will usually be 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.

decide that their child will not start school until 1 January and will attend part-time until 1 April, when they will attend full-time.

Admission of Children outside their Normal Age Group

Parents have a right to ask for their child to be admitted to a school to a year group other than their

on or between 1 April and 31 August) who want to delay their child starting school for one school year can ask for their child to be admitted to Reception Year rather than Year 1 at that time, one year below their normal age group.

The procedure for asking for admission of a group is by letter to the school giving details of all relevant circumstances and attaching any relevant

Applications received by the Local Authority after the closing date for applications stated above will be late applications, and will not be considered until after applications received on or before the closing date for applications have been considered and places allocated. This means that the chance of achieving a place will be reduced. The names of those children who do not achieve a place will be placed on the waiting list (see below).

In-Year Admissions

Applications for in-year admissions should be made to the Local Authority. If more applications are received than there are places available, applications will be ranked by the governing body in accordance with the admissions/ over subscription criteria as outlined above. Applicants will be notified of the outcomes by the school.

Fair Access Protocol

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.

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 ask for an unsuccessful application.

oversubscription criteria set out above, and not by reference to the date that the application for admission was made. This means that a place