



17.06.21

RE: September '21 Staffing/Classes

Dear Families,

I am writing to you to share your child's class teacher for the next academic year. We are very excited about the experienced and ambitious team we have ready to teach your children from September.

There will be a transition day on Friday 9th July where the children will spend the morning with their new teacher. We will be sending out a transition book electronically for each year group, to support all children with their transition to the next year group. Mrs Blackwell will be in touch with parents of children with SEND, to look at additional transition support.

Classes and Teachers for next year are as follows:

	Class name	Teacher
EYFS A*	Orchid	Miss Griffith
EYFS B*	Lavender	Miss Smith
Y1	Daffodil	Mrs Connelly (EYFS/KS1 Phase Leader)
Y2	Sunflower	Mrs Blackwell (1 Day) Miss Roberts (4 Days)
Y3	Iris	Miss Dark (2 Days) Mr Youngs (3 Days)
Y4	Foxglove	Miss Searle
Y5/6	Snapdragon	Mr Newman (KS2 Phase leader)

*'20-21 EYFS families will be sent a separate communication regarding class allocation.

Please see below to familiarise yourself with the team.

Remaining Teachers:

Miss Griffith- Current Reception Teacher



Miss Roberts- Current Year 2 Teacher



Mr Youngs- Current Year 5/6 Teacher



Mrs Blackwell- Current SENDCo



New Teacher Profiles:

Miss Bonamy Smith:



I'm Miss Smith and having completed a BAEd at Bath Spa University, I am really looking forward to moving back to the Bristol area and joining Avanti Gardens School after two years training and teaching in London. I have seven years' experience working with children across the key stages in various settings including primary schools, SEN support centres and also schools in the Gambia. I am passionate about the arts having completed a drama specialism at UCL and participating in speech and drama and I really enjoy bringing creativity to the classroom. I love getting outside for sport and using outdoor resources in my teaching and I am looking forward to meeting and working with everyone next year.

Mrs Michelle Connelly:



I'm Mrs Connelly and am delighted to be joining Avanti Gardens in September. I have been teaching for many years, and still enjoy it as much now as I did all those years ago. I have a passion for reading and am really looking forward to using the new Avanti library!

I am married and have two children, Sophie and Ben, at home. As a family, we enjoy days out together, as well as long holidays and weekends away, whenever we can. We have toured most of France over the years, but my French is very rusty!

I am really looking forward to becoming part of the Avanti Gardens family in September.

Miss Fran Dark:



My name is Miss Dark and I have been teaching for four years in schools in Bristol and Gloucestershire. I enjoy planning and teaching creative lessons to help the children in my class develop a love for learning. Outside of school, I have 2 horses called Elvis and Ben and I enjoy looking after them and going to shows and competitions.

Miss Hannah Searle:



Hello, I am Miss Searle. Before training as a teacher, I worked in a variety of education settings over the course of 7 years, ranging from universities to nurseries and schools. I have since trained and taught at a South Gloucestershire school, gaining a wealth of experience in Key Stage 1 and 2. As a qualified Forest School Leader, I am very passionate about the outdoors and the benefits of outdoor learning. I'm very excited to join the Avanti Gardens School community and I can't wait to meet you all in September!

Mr Matthew Newman:



Hello, my name is Mr Newman and I am very excited to be joining Avanti Gardens.

I am originally from Redditch and moved down to Bristol to study Geography, followed by my PGCE.

I now thoroughly enjoy teaching Geography to my class, as I believe it helps children gain an understanding of the world around us. Another big passion for me is sport; I believe that physical activity and getting outside of the classroom is so important for children's, physical, social and mental well-being and I love to get children active at all times within the school day. I continue this passion outside of school as I regularly run, cycle and play rugby for a local team. I also love going for long walks with my dog Molly, especially when the sun is shining!

Staff leavers:

Mrs Osborn:

I am super excited to be appointed as Early Years Lead at Bridge Learning Campus, I'm really looking forward to applying my skills in RWI phonics at this large school. I am, however, so sad to be saying goodbye after 5 years at the school! I wish our amazing children and wonderful families all the best!

Miss Butterfield-West:

I am going to work in an international school in Chile. I will be teaching in English to primary school children from all around the world. The school is in an incredible location, halfway between the ocean and the desert.

Miss Silverthorne:

I will be looking to take up a teaching position in a local school to finish my NQT year. I'm really excited to be progressing my career further.

We would like to thank our staff leavers for all their hard work here at Avanti Gardens. We wish them every success in their next settings.

Promotions:

Mrs Blackwell has been promoted to Assistant Principal/SENDco from September '21. We are delighted with the enormous contribution Mrs Blackwell continues to provide for all of our pupils. We are excited to give Mrs Blackwell increased responsibilities for developing our school.

Mrs Underwood has also been promoted to a Trust position of Head of Professional Learning. Mrs Underwood will be leaving her position as an Assistant Principal to take up this exciting new challenge – we are very grateful for the massive contribution she has made this year. Mrs Underwood will continue to regularly visit Avanti Gardens, passing on her wealth of knowledge to our fantastic teaching team.

I am extremely happy to share this letter with families – the strength of the team from September is incredibly assuring. The wealth of experience that the team will have, along with the collective will to improve the school's offer so that all children at Avanti Gardens School have a distinctly excellent education, puts the school in a very strong position for the future.

Yours Faithfully,

Ashley Milum

Principal