



17 June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that Mr Ashley Milum will be leaving his post of Principal at the end of this academic year. Mr Milum will be leaving Avanti Gardens to take up his new post as Head of Education and EYFS with Essex County Council.

In the two years Mr Milum has been at Avanti Gardens he has ably led the school through transformative change. He has developed and supported a wonderful team of staff and ensured the continued success of the school for our pupils. Mr Milum's focus on raising standards of teaching and learning and promoting the progress of all pupils is to be celebrated. His leadership has resulted in the school being highly regarded in the local community; we are delighted that the Reception classes will be full in September 2022.

Going forward, we have secured the services of an experienced Interim Principal, Mrs Samantha Travis, who will be in post from September 1st 2022, for at least a year. Mrs Travis will be working with Mr Milum over the coming weeks to ensure an effective hand-over. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with Mrs Travis before the end of the summer term.

On behalf of Avanti Schools Trust, I would like to thank Mr Milum for his commitment and dedication to the staff and pupils at Avanti Gardens. We wish Mr Milum every success in his exciting new role.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Dickinson
South West Hub Director

