

Monday 4th September 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a good summer break and that your children are looking forward to returning to school refreshed and ready to work hard.

I am writing to let you know that Mrs. Hartle, previously Interim Principal at Ninestiles has, with regret, decided that she will not be returning to the school this term. We are very sorry to see her leave; Mrs. Hartle has made a great contribution to Ninestiles and to the work of schools across the Trust over many years. I am sure you will share in our thanks to her for all her excellent work and our warmest wishes for her future career.

Mrs Hartle said: 'I am sad to be leaving Ninestiles after such a fantastic eighteen years - a period in which I have enjoyed all the professional highlights of my career to date. Ninestiles is such a wonderful place to work, full of inspiring people and with a palpable commitment to the difference education can make to the lives of young people.

I wish the school, and all the members of its community, every success in the future.'

I know that this will come as a surprise and may cause you some anxiety.

Let me reassure you. One of the many benefits of being part of a Trust is that a school can depend on swift and additional support when it is needed. I am delighted that we have already appointed a highly experienced and talented Interim Principal to lead Ninestiles, An Academy this year.

Mr James Power has great expertise and wide experience of senior leadership and Principalship in secondary schools and will be writing to you in the next few days to introduce himself.

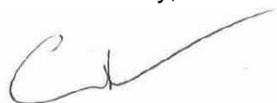
We will be advertising for an outstanding permanent Principal soon. I expect that we will have a strong field of candidates and that we will have made this appointment by summer 2018 at the latest.

Mr Ferrante, as School Improvement Director, Secondary and Sixth Form, and I as CEO, will be working closely with Mr Power to ensure that there is no let-up in the school's ongoing work to improve and raise standards still further.

Moreover, senior leaders and teachers in the school continue to be as committed as ever to providing the best possible education for your children.

If you have any concerns or questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Power the new Interim Principal, or Mr. Ferrante, School Improvement Director, Secondary and Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Anwar
Chief Executive Officer
Ninestiles Academy Trust