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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that after four successful and enjoyable years as Chaplain at our School, Rev Helen Byrne will be leaving in August 2027 to return to circuit ministry in St Austell Methodist Circuit. Our School community has been fortunate to have benefitted from Helen's faith, care, support and creativity over these years. We will miss her when she leaves, although she will of course remain a valued (and local) friend to our community.

Helen has prepared this message to share:

"I have loved every moment of my time at Truro School, supporting pupils and staff in Pre-Prep, Prep and Seniors. What a privilege to be alongside every pupil each week in our school and to work with such an amazing staff team in so many areas of school life. Whilst I love all that I do at the school, I feel called to go back into circuit ministry to serve local Methodist churches and their communities. I am pleased to have been matched with the St Austell Methodist Circuit to start in September 2027. I will treasure every moment from my time here at Truro School, which continues throughout the rest of the academic year to next summer. I will also support the next Chaplain of the School in all the ways I can, enabling a smooth transition of this 'ministry of presence' supporting and nurturing our amazing school community."

The School will advertise for Helen's successor in the new year, and care will be taken to make the best appointment for the community. There will then be opportunities for the community to thank Helen for her service and dedication in the Summer term.

This news will be made public in the St Austell Circuit this weekend. There will not be one formal announcement to the children in School, although the news is not in any way now a secret and will reach them via you, us, or others, which is entirely appropriate. Staff were informed earlier this week and will reassure pupils that Rev Helen will remain a familiar and supportive presence throughout the rest of this school year, continuing to care for, minister to and support them across all areas of school life.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr A Johnson
Head