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Dear Parents/ Carers

**Important news from Mrs Stritt, Executive Headteacher, and Mrs Bryant, Trust Executive Leader.**

As your Headteacher, I am writing to share some important, personal news. After much deliberation and very careful consideration, last term I made the decision to resign from the Executive Headship at Sithney and Trannack Schools effective at the end of the Summer Term 2021. This is a personal decision and did not come easily. I have worked in education for over 25 years, which has truly been an honour and a privilege. One of the proudest moments of my life was the day I became a Headteacher. It is difficult to imagine a more fulfilling career and nothing means more to me than the education and welfare of children and providing opportunities for them to flourish and shape their futures. However, the time is now right for me to step back and turn my attention to my own future and that of my family.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of Executive Head and leading both schools. I would like to assure you all that I will continue to work with parents, staff, governors and the Trust to ensure the very best for both schools and will do everything I can to work towards a full, effective handover. Both schools are in a very strong place for a new lead with fresh insight and energy and I have every confidence that the Trust will find the right person and the best person for this role.

This letter comes to you at a very challenging time for parents and schools. When the decision was made it was not anticipated that the situation with Covid 19 would escalate to the national lockdown we are now in. I am sorry that this news falls this half term but it is important the Trust continues with recruitment procedures in a timely manner.

There will be time enough to say goodbye, but I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to the support from the Trust and also to the staff and communities of both schools who have welcomed me and trusted me – and at times challenged me! – to lead their schools. The uniqueness of both Sithney School and Trannack School, and the pupils within them, is precious and I know staff will continue to nurture this ethos as they move into the next era.

As Trust Executive Leader, I want to assure you that the Trust will ensure that the recruitment process is completed as swiftly as possible to enable the new Executive Headteacher to have a thorough handover period in order to minimise disruption. The role being advertised will be Executive Headteacher of Sithney and Trannack. We will do our best to provide opportunities for governors, staff, parents and children to be a part of the recruitment process within the Covid restrictions in place at the time.

I am sure you would wish to join me in offering thanks to Mrs Stritt for all she has done for so many children over her career and to wish her well with her future plans.

Yours sincerely

Emma Stritt and Donna Bryant

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