



# The Trent-Rylands Federation



Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School *and* Beeston Rylands Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the spring term. We hope you all had a lovely break and had chance to relax and spend time as a family.

We are all looking forward to working with your children this half term and know that they will continue to work as hard as they have so far this year and continue to make lots of progress.

## **COVID**

As you know the guidance for Covid is changing. We will aim to keep you updated as we are sent more information. At present, this is what we understand from the new guidance.

### **Self Isolation Guidance – From February 24<sup>th</sup>**

From February 24<sup>th</sup> there will be no legal requirement to self isolate following a positive test. However adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to self isolate at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days. If the test is negative on day 6, the child can return to school on that day.

### **Should parents send their children to school if they think they have Covid 19 ?**

If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Anyone with the main Covid 19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. Children must not come to school if they:

- **Have any symptoms** (new persistent cough, temperature and loss of sense of smell and/or taste)

### **If a child has come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid:**

Any child who is a contact should attend school as normal. There is now no need to complete lateral flow tests for 7 days.

### **Routine lateral Flow Testing**

There is now no requirement for staff or children to routinely test using lateral flow tests.

### **Being on time/attendance**

We can't stress how important it is that your child gets to school on time. Work starts as soon as they enter school with children practising concepts from previous sessions. Lateness to school is logged and adds to a child's attendance figures. The worst case scenario is a referral to enforcement whereby a family could be fined. We are also constantly looking at children's attendance and ask that holidays are taken during half term breaks and that you only keep your children off school if they are genuinely ill.

### **Parking in the area**

We would like to remind everyone about parking in the area. It is paramount that children are safe and wider community of the Rylands are safe when they come to and leave school. Parents are concerned about the safety of everyone so please show consideration of others when arriving to and from school. If possible, park a little further away from school and then walk the last part. We must be courteous to owners of properties around school. Please think about if you have parked in a way that will affect others in an unsafe or negative way. It is also polite to turn your engine off and better for the environment too.

### **Reading at home**

Please remember to try and listen to your child **read four times per week**. For older key stage 2 children this can be reading for a sustained period of time (e.g. 20 minutes or longer if they wish) independently. We know that being able to read well greatly improves a child's life chances and impacts upon the self-esteem and well-being.

### **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. On this day your child can come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite stories. Please do not feel obliged to spend money on a costume, something simple will do. If your child does not like dressing up, they could come instead in non-uniform and bring in their favourite book. Juniors have a separate regarding this day.



### **Red Nose Day**

It is Red Nose Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to raise some money towards this event so we are having a Non Uniform Day with a donation of £1.

Year 3 and 4 are going on a school trip that particular day and they will need to be in their uniform as it is easier to keep track of them and ensure their safety. Year 3 and 4 can come to school in non-uniform the day before on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Good news**

Mrs Baker in Sycamore Class is having a baby! She will be starting her maternity leave after Easter. Mrs McCallion will teach the class for 3 days a week and we have a lovely teacher called Miss Sim to teach the class for 2 days a week. We wish Mrs Baker all the very best.

### **Future visits to school**

We would like to invite you to come into school after the Easter break to see your child's classroom and let them show you around. We appreciate that due to Covid it hasn't been possible to come into your child's classroom. We would like you to be able to visit and then picture their classroom so that you can see what it's like for them coming into school every day. We would like to do this straight after the school day. We advise mask wearing during this time to keep everybody safe. Please see the dates below for the various classes. Class teachers will be around for a short period but please bear in mind that you have your parent's evening telephone calls to discuss your child and this opportunity is for your child to show you around.

Also please find attached a list of all the other diary events that are coming up over the next few weeks.

Kind regards

*Catherine Turner, Sue Osborne & Janine Barratt*

Co Headteachers

**Diary Dates Spring 2 2022**

**FEBRUARY**

w/c Mon 21<sup>st</sup> and Mon 28<sup>th</sup>                      Parent's evening phone calls

**MARCH**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>    Year 4 swimming  
(+ every Thurs till Easter)

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>              March                      World Book Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March                              TV – Drumba sessions within school.

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March                                      TV - Class & Individual Photos

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> March                                      Lower key stage 2 (Birch, Pine and Ash)  
Trip to Cadbury World

Red Nose Day – non uniform

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> March                                      Family of school dance festival at Trent Vale – details to follow

Wed 30 Mar    BRJS Individual & family group photos

Fri April 1<sup>st</sup>    TV are celebrating Easter by having White Post Farm, with all their  
cuddliness, coming to visit. We can't wait!

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April – Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April                      END OF TERM (2 weeks + 1 day)**

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April    Children return to school**

**Future dates for reference:**

**BRJS**

Wed 25 - Thu 26 May 2022 - Y4 Residential

**TV**

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 - Y2 Residential

