



The Trent-Rylands Federation

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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you managed to enjoy some time together as families over the summer break. We are very much looking forward to working with the children and all of you again this year. We would like to extend a huge welcome to Mrs Mason and Mrs Robinson who will be teaching in F2 at Trent Vale. Congratulations to Miss Chong and Miss James (now Mrs Holliss), who both got married over the summer.

To all of our families who are new to the Trent Rylands Federation, we welcome you too and are sure that your children will settle quickly into school.

Start and End of School Day

| | Trent Vale Infant School | Beeston Rylands Junior School |
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| Start time | 8.50am | 8.45am – 8.55am |
| Finish time | 3.20pm | 3.25pm |

At Trent Vale we have introduced a new routine for drop off and pick up. This has been going really well. We will continue to support children in entering school and we are hoping that eventually the children will just go in to school independently when the bell rings, without the need to line up.

At Rylands junior the gates open at 8.45am. We encourage children to arrive soon after so they can be ready to learn when school starts at 8.55 am.

If you have children at both schools, for a smooth start to the day for your older child, please drop your junior child off first and then your infant child, as the junior school opens at 8.45am. Please note the junior school gate now closes at 8.55am

Lateness

- Arrival in the morning after the time window will be classed as late.
- If your child arrives after 9:15am this is classed as an unauthorised absence.

Communication with Staff

- Drop off time is always busy and teachers might not always have chance to talk with you. Headteachers/office staff will be available to talk with you, if you need to pass on any important information for the day, every morning on the school playground.
- Pop in, email or phone the school office as you need to.

- Please contact the school office to notify school if child is absent. Do not email teachers directly over absence as they are often busy in the morning, and will not always check their emails before school. Our answerphone is available 24 hours a day.
- Please email or phone school if you need to speak to a member of staff. Staff will respond to emails within 5 working days. Whilst we understand that you are busy, please try not to email teachers late at night or at the weekend .

Parents Evenings

This year the week beginning 10th October, we will would like to offer a choice of parents evening, either face to face or a telephone conversation.
Letters to follow.

School Rules

This year we are implementing a new behaviour policy which incorporates shared rules across the federation. The emphasis will be focus on the positive, with children being rewarded for their good behaviour.

We will think about the rules in the classroom and during assembly time. We would appreciate it if you could support these rules at home with your children.

Trent Rylands Rules

- **We are gentle; we don't hurt others (tolerance/self-restraint)**
- **We are kind and helpful; we don't hurt anybody's feelings (empathy and compassion)**
- **We listen; we don't interrupt (respect)**
- **We are honest; we don't cover up the truth (integrity)**
- **We work hard; we don't waste our own or others' time (resilience and cooperation, determination)**
- **We look after property; we don't waste or damage things (responsibility)**

Reading at Trent Vale

Working with you to successfully teach your child to read is one of the most important roles we have during your child's time at Trent Vale. We know that those children who read at home 4 times per week are the best readers. Please write in their reading diary if they have read at home. Learning to read is also about a child being regularly read to so please remember to include story time as part of their bedtime routine.

We will shortly be sending home a letter explaining our approach to reading to parents at Trent Vale.

Reading at Rylands Junior

Continuing to ensure your child reads at home is as important as helping them with their homework. Both of these need to be recorded in their planners by you or your child. You and your child must also **sign the planner every week** to say that you know what they have been doing. The class teacher will also sign the planner every week.

Class Newsletters/Autumn Term Topics

You will be receiving a newsletter from your child's teacher describing what they will be learning this term. This is so you can support and encourage your child with their learning at home.

Other useful Information

Internet Safety

We will be continually teaching the children about the importance of E-safety, particularly when accessing the internet.

The E-safety rules at **Trent Vale** we are encouraging the children to follow are:-

1. People you don't know are strangers. They are not always who they say they are.
2. Be nice to people on the computer like you would in the playground.
3. Keep your personal information private
4. If you ever get that "uh oh" feeling, you should tell a grown up you trust.

The E-safety rules we are encouraging the children to follow at **Rylands Junior** are:-

Our E-safety code: Zip it, block it, flag it.

This code reminds us of our E-safety rules and the actions the children should take if any rules are broken.

Additionally, we would like to remind you that the age restrictions on computer games are also an important part of E-safety. For example, a game is given an 18 rating because it contains images and language that is appropriate for people aged 18 and over whether they are actually playing or watching an adult play on the game. I know that most of you are very careful about the computer games and apps that you let your children have access to, but can we ask you to please be extra vigilant as exposure to violent games does have a negative effect on children's behaviour.

Attendance

We always aim for a high attendance rate at both schools so please do not book any holidays during term time.

If you do then please inform us in writing so we know why your child is absent. Any time off school counts as an absence and taking a two-week family holiday in school time means your child cannot achieve 95% attendance; this impacts on their achievement. This will be recorded as unauthorised. We will consider fining for long or regular absence due to family holidays.

Lunch and snacks

Both schools are nut free due to children in school with severe nut allergies.

| Trent Vale Infant School | Beeston Rylands Junior School |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free hot dinner provided by school or• Packed lunch provided by home• Children staying all day in Nursery can have a hot dinner for a charge of £2.50. This is paid by invoice half-termly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot dinner provided by school. This is free for children in receipt of Free School Meals or bought from school for £2.45 per day via sQuid.• Packed lunch provided by home. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free piece of fruit or vegetables• Milk from Cool Milk. This is free for under 5's and those children in receipt of Free School Meals.• You will need to register at https://www.coolmilk.com/ if you want your child to have milk at school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A piece of fruit or vegetables provided by home |

Parents Group at Trent Vale

We are wondering if any parents have any free time to support school through setting up a parents group? The idea of the group would be to organise some out of school events, for example a cake sale, a school disco or a coffee morning for parents. We are sure many of you may have other ideas. We would be able to provide you with a room to meet, coffee and biscuits and would support you with any organisational advice that you might need. If you are interested, please contact the Trent Vale School office.

Parking outside school

We are keen to make drop off and pick up times as safe as possible . Please take note of recent information that we have received from Nottinghamshire County Council.

Nottinghamshire County Council use CCTV cars to enforce parking outside of schools. They visit schools in Nottinghamshire and will record whilst passing, the details of any cars parked illegally. If vehicles are parked in contravention the registered keepers will receive a Penalty Charge Notice. These restrictions are in place to provide a safe area outside of the school where the children will gather or cross the road therefore, we ask for your help in keeping this area free of parked vehicles. The school can request enforcement from the car so, if you have any concerns regarding parking, please notify us and we will arrange for a visit.

Dogs & Smoking

Please remember the school, including the playground, is a non-smoking site. This includes e-cigarettes. Also dogs are not allowed on the premises for health and safety reasons.

Dates

At the end of this newsletter we have included a list of important dates for the school year. Please put these in your diary or on your calendar; they are also on the calendar on both schools' website.

Thank you for your continued support and please remember if you have got any questions or concerns then please come in and talk to us.

Catherine Turner & Janine Barratt

Headteachers

Diary Dates Autumn 2021

Also See Main Calendar Attached for INSETS and Holiday for the full year.

Forest school timetable

Trent Vale Infant School

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| Weds 14 th Sept | Maple am | Elm pm |
| Tuesday 20 th Sept | Cedar am | Holly pm |
| Tuesday 27 th Sept | Elm am | Maple pm |
| Tuesday 4 th Oct | Lilac am | Beech pm |
| Mon 10 Oct | Beech am | Lilac pm |

BRJS

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| Thus 8 th Sept | Oak | Pine |
| Thurs 15 th Sept | Willow | Birch |
| Thurs 22 nd Sept | Sycamore | Ash |
| Thurs 29 th Sept | Pine | Oak |
| Thurs 6 th Oct | Birch | Willow |
| Thurs 13 th Oct | Ash | Sycamore |

Other Dates

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| Tues 6 th Sept | BRJS - Weekly Year 5 swimming |
| Mon 12 th Sept | TV – Bikeability - Lilac Class |
| Fri 16 th Sept | TV – Bikeability - Beech Class |
| Thurs 23 rd Sept | BRJS - Year 6 Safety Zone Trip |

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| Wed 5 th Oct | KSI superhero dress up day Maple, Elm, Cedar and Holly Class |
| Thurs 10 th Oct | BRJS - Flu vaccinations |
| Mon 10 th Oct - Thurs 13 th Oct | Parents Evening phone calls/face to face throughout the week |
| Mon 10 th Oct | TV – In school only appointments parents evening for KS1 and F2 |
| Tues 11 th Oct | BRJS - In school only appointments parents evening for KS2 |

Week beginning 10th October

Collection of food and toiletries BRJS & TV will both be supporting Framework and the Hope Foodbank with donations from our Harvest Collections.

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| Wed 12 th Oct | TV Harvest Festival 2pm for EYFS (F1 and F2) |
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2.30pm KS1- letter to follow .

Fri 14th Oct INSET DAY
Mon 17th Oct- Fri 28th Oct **HALF TERM (2 weeks)**
Mon 31st Oct Children return to school

Weds 2nd – 4th Nov BRJS - Year 6 residential
Tues 8th Nov Y2 Residential meeting via Zoom 6.30pm
Friday 18th Nov Children in need day

Wed 1st Dec TV - F2, Y1, Y2 Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 8th Dec TV Christmas Dinner day (wear your Christmas Jumpers)
Thurs 8th Dec BRJS Christmas Dinner day (wear your Christmas Jumpers) - provisional

Tues 13th Dec Maple and Elm Christmas Performance 2pm
Wed 14th Dec Holly and Cedar Christmas Performance 2pm
Thurs 15th Dec Nursery, Lilac and Beech Christmas Performance 10 am

Mon 19th Dec TV – Pantomime in School
Mon 19th Dec BRJS Lower school Christmas Party Day

Tues 20th Dec TV Party Day
Tues 20th Dec BRJS Upper school Christmas Party Day

Wed 21st Dec Last day at school

Thursday 22nd Dec – Tuesday 3rd Jan 2022 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 4th Jan - Inset

Thursday 5th Jan First day of Spring Term - Children return to school

Future dates for reference:

BRJS

Mid Nov – tbc - Y5 and 6 visit to the Galleries of Justice
Dec – tbc – visit to Beeston cinema for a Christmas movie
Dec – tbc – Christingle
Dec – tbc – Carol concert

TV

Wed 8th March 2023 - Class & Individual Photos
Wed 28th June - Fri 30th June 2023 - Y2 Residential

Academic Year 2022 - 2023

September 2022

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School Holidays
 Public Holidays
 Administration Day*
 Inset Day