



The Trent-Rylands Federation



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good half term break. It's gone so fast and we know that Christmas will be upon us before we know it too! We hope you had chance to take part in family activities – just watching a film together is good quality family time.

We have had a very successful first half term, with children settling in and getting used to school life. We know that we have lots planned to look forward to over the next half term.

TV VERSION – TR WAY

The Trent Rylands Way

Every individual who is part of the Trent-Rylands Federation is valued for who they are and what they contribute to school. Our values and vision are integral to our schools and are intended to support the personal, social and spiritual development of every pupil throughout their time with us. We have three core drivers that underpin our vision, values and curriculum – Possibilities, Responsibility and Community.

Through these drivers we explore values that are key to developing our pupils as positive citizens who care about others and the world around them:



Cooperation	Friendship	Determination	Integrity
Compassion	Thoughtfulness	Pride	Sustainability
Respect	Patience	Acceptance	Forgiveness

Through these values we encourage children to keep to the Trent-Rylands Way and to follow our school rules. We would appreciate it if you could go over the behaviour expectations and school rules with your child.

BRJS – VERSION TR WAY



Lateness and Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. Every minute lost is vital and many activities first thing in the morning are designed to go over previous learning and help children with any difficulties they have had with tricky concepts.

- Arrival in the morning after the time window will be classed as late.
- The day starts at 8.50am at TV and at 8.55am for BRJS (gates open at 8.45am)
- If your child arrives after half an hour of this start time, this is classed as an unauthorised half day absence.

Also a reminder that holidays should not be taken in school time. Children miss chunks of learning when they are not in school and this has a detrimental impact upon their knowledge and skills.

Our Attendance Policy, which is based upon Local Authority advice states:

*“ If your child misses 3 days (6 sessions) of **unauthorised absence** over a 6 week rolling period, whether the unauthorised absence relates to a family holiday or is more general in*

nature, the head teacher can ask the Local Authority to issue an Education Penalty Notice to each parent or carer for each child to whom persistent absence applies. The school can also request that the Local Authority issue an Education Penalty Notice when a child is persistently late and where they are signified as a 'U' in the attendance. A penalty notice is a suitable intervention in circumstances where the parent is judged capable of securing their child's regular punctuality and attendance but is not willing to take responsibility for doing so. This includes where families take a holiday during term time. In the vast majority of instances, penalty notices will be the last resort where all other efforts to address non-attendance or poor punctuality have failed."

We know that the vast majority of you take attendance at school very seriously, but we are aware of a growing number of cases where absence from school is becoming more prevalent. The governors and ourselves have always been very reluctant to issue penalty notices but we will consider fining for long or regular absence due to family holidays or any other regular unauthorised reason.

For your reference, here is the whole school attendance percentage for Autumn 1.

BRJS: Whole school attendance: 95%

TV: Whole School attendance: 95%.

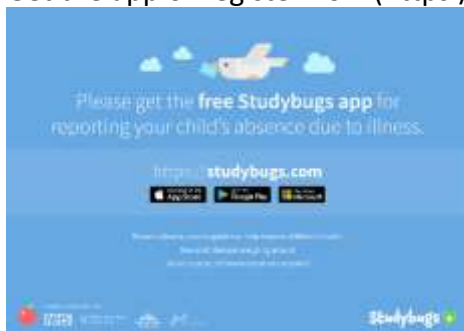
It will be fantastic to see this even higher next half term.

Study Bugs App for Reporting Absence

To help you report a child's absence, we're pleased to announce that The Trent- Rylands Federation is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

This will be our preferred method for you to advise us of your child's absence. Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)



Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>).

Parents Groups at Trent Vale and Beeston Rylands

Thank you for all the ongoing support that our parents group continue to offer. They are busy planning future events to provide enrichment activities for the children and to also fundraise for the upcoming year. We would also like to update you on a project we are running this year called:

"WE ARE TRENT RYLANDS" - Community Connections

This project is being led by one of our parents, Jodie Lopez, in coordination with our parents' groups. We will forward you a separate letter regarding this.

Family Celebrations

We have many families in our community that come from all over the world. We would like to celebrate this and share any celebrations or festivals that you may have. Please could you e mail your child's class teacher with any photos or information about events within your family, e.g. celebrating Diwali, Eid, Hanukah etc. This will be shared within the classroom first then photos placed on a display board for all of the school to see.

Other news

Mrs May at Trent Vale has had her baby. She had a baby boy, Thomas, just before the half term holiday and he is absolutely gorgeous. Mum and Baby are both well and are going to pop in to school soon.

Mrs Osborne, our Federation Deputy, will be working from Trent Vale from now on, on a Tuesday. She will be on the playground in the morning on a Tuesday so you can chat with her if you wish. She is very much looking forward to getting to know and working with all the younger children.

Harvest Collection

A massive thank you to you all for your donations. We had bags full of donations that we were able to pass to the Charity Framework and to Hope House. The staff at both charities were so very grateful. They couldn't believe how much food was donated.

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 2023

Mon 6th Nov **Children return to school**

November

Mon 6th Nov BRJS Drumming performance – invite to parents whose children attend

Weds 8th – 10th Nov BRJS - Year 6 residential

Weds 8th Nov BRJS Lower School Film night
TV Holly Class to Canalside Heritage Centre for Diwali workshop

Mon 13th November TV Cedar Class to Canalside Heritage Centre for Diwali workshop

Mon 13th – 17th Nov Anti-Bullying week

Tues 14th Nov BRJS Oak Class to Canalside Heritage Centre
BRJS Upper School Film night

Weds 15th Nov TV Year 2 residential meeting online

Friday 17th Nov Children in Need day.
TV: Bring a teddy to school, non-uniform. Donations welcome please.
BRJS: Wear spots, non-uniform.

Mon 20th – 24th TV Road safety week

Tues 21st Nov BRJS School photographs

Tues 21st Nov BRJS Sycamore Class to Canalside Heritage Centre
BRJS Willow class to Canalside Heritage Centre – **date to be confirmed**

Weds 22nd Nov TV School photographs

Thurs 30th Nov BRJS Dogs Trust Workshops

December

Wed 6th Dec TV Christmas Dinner day (wear your Christmas Jumpers)

Thurs 7th Dec BRJS Christmas Dinner day (wear your Christmas Jumpers)

Sat 9th Dec TV Christmas Fair

Tues 12th Dec TV EYFS – Beech, Lilac and Nursery Christmas Performance 10 am

Tues 12th Dec BRJS School Disco 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Thurs 14 th Dec	TV KS1 – Holly, Cedar, Maple and Elm Christmas Performance 10 am
Fri 15 th Dec	TV Reindeer Dash fundraising event for Treetops Hospice - more details to follow
Mon 18 th Dec	BRJS Lower school Christmas Party Day (Year 3 and 4)
Mon 18 th Dec	BRJS Carol Concert
Tues 19 th Dec	BRJS Upper school Christmas Party Day (Year 5 and 6)
Weds 20 th Dec	BRJS Visit for Year 5 and 6 to Holocaust Centre
Weds 20 th Dec	TV Christmas Party Day
Weds 20 th Dec	BRJS Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production 4 pm
Thurs 21 st Dec	BRJS Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production 2 pm
Thurs 21 st Dec	TV Pantomime in school
Fri 22 nd Dec	BRJS Whole School Cinema Trip – Christmas Film
Fri 22 nd Dec	Last day at school

Monday 25th December – Monday 8th Jan 2023 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Thursday 4th Jan - Inset

Friday 5th Jan - Inset

First day of Spring Term Monday 8th Jan 2024- Children return to school

Future dates for reference:

BRJS

Tue 9th Jan Y4 swimming restarts

Tue 6th Feb Y4 – last swimming lesson