



# 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 24-25 academic year at the Trent-Rylands Federation. We hope you had a good summer break and spent lots of time with your family. We are looking forward to teaching your children and seeing them blossom throughout the year. We know that working closely with all of you is paramount and want to work in partnership with you throughout your child's time with us. We will be focusing on helping your child to be happy and settle into school life, be a great friend and learn lots along the way.

## Start and End of School Day

### **Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School**

Morning: - 8.50am – 12.00pm

Afternoon: - 1.00pm – 3.20pm

Children are expected to be in their classrooms when school starts at 8.50am. The class teacher will take the register as soon as the children are settled in their classroom.

The gates to the playground will be locked at 9.00am. Any child arriving after this time must enter the school at the main reception where they will be registered by a member of the office staff.

Pupils who are not present for registration will be marked as absent. If they arrive after the register has been submitted to the office but before 9.20 am they will be marked as present but late. Arrival after 9:20 will be marked as a half day's absence, indicated by a 'U' in the register.

### **Beeston Rylands Junior School**

Morning: - 8.55am – 12.00pm (school opens for pupils from 8.45am)

Afternoon: - 1.00pm – 3.25pm

Children are expected to be in their classroom when school starts at 8.55am. The class teacher will take the register as soon as the children are settled in their classroom.

The gates to the school from the road will be locked at 9.00am. Any child arriving after this time must enter the school at the main reception where they will be registered by a member of the office staff.

Pupils who are not present for registration will be marked as absent. If they arrive after the register has been submitted to the office but before 9.25 am they will be marked as present but late. Arrival after 9:25 am will be marked as a half day's absence, indicated by a 'U' in the register.

## **Study Bugs App for Reporting Absence**

To help you report a child's absence please use the Studybug app. This is 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>).

## **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 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.

## **Communication with you via Parent Hub**



We have changed the way we communicate with parents moving forward. This is via an app called Parent Hub. This app allows us to message you on a platform either individually or as part of a group or class. It enables you to keep all messages in one place rather than having to scroll through your text messages or emails.

You will need to download the app and follow @TrentVale/@BRJS to make sure you don't miss out on important communications from school.

Trent Vale are also using this app to pay for items and give consent for trips.

## **Parents Evenings**

This year the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October we will have parents evening. Letters to follow.

## 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.

## 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.



## Attendance

We are really proud of all the families who are able to get their children to school on time and whose attendance is constantly high. Please see below the overall attendance so far for this academic year.

Overall attendance at **BRJS in 2023-24: 94.9%**

Overall attendance at **TV in 2023–24: 94.8%**

Nottinghamshire County Council's policy is to send parents and carers penalty notices (fines) should your child be absent or consistently late for 10 session (5 days) over a 6 week monitoring period. This means that any holidays in school time or persistent absence results in a fine.

## Parents' Groups

We would like to thank the parent groups at both schools for the time spent organising events and helping us behind the scenes. They are busy planning events for the new school year and further information will be sent out separately. If you would like to join our Parent Group, please let us know and we will put you in touch.

At BRJS our children have enjoyed film nights, discos and other parent group events. The money raised has been used towards upgrading and developing our outside quad area to provide resources and storage for use during play and lunch times. The sensory garden pergola has been upgraded and now includes a seating area for children to use as a calming area for art and relaxation. A big thank you to Adrian Biddulph, Freebird Joinery, home and garden maintenance for their work and generous donation of additional wood which allowed us to afford to add the seating.



At Trent Vale, events over the last year have funded a new library, a sensory room and extra resources for the classrooms. Most recently, the Parent Group organised a fantastic summer fair which was enjoyed by the whole community and raised £936.73 for school funds.

Easyfundraising continues to provide quarterly payments to the federation; a total of £938.74 has been raised since we started. If you have yet to sign up, you can do this by following the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/trentrylands> and then use the app/website every time you shop online.

**Baby Club**

Please remember that we now have a baby club at Trent Vale that Mrs Walker has organised. This runs every Tuesday from 2pm – 3pm. All parents and their pre-school children, aged from birth to 3 years are welcome.

Kind regards

*Catherine Turner and Janine Barratt*

Headteachers

## Diary Dates Autumn 2024

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Autumn term 1**

### September

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Back to school
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BRJS Year 4 swimming starts (last session 11 Feb 2025)
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BRJS Year 5 and 6 Meet the teacher
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BRJS Year 3 and 4 Meet the teacher
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BRJS Year 6 Safety Zone trip-Holme Pierrepont (further information to follow)

### October

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Food donations please for Harvest – TV and BRJS
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest festival at TV in the afternoon- further information to follow
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> & Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening at BRJS
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening at TV
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bikeability Balance Bike training Beech Class (F2 children only)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bikeability Balance Bike training Lilac Class
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BRJS Year 3 & 4 Roman Day (further information to follow)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October**                      **INSET DAY (school closed to children)**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> November - October half term holiday**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – First day of Autumn Term 2 - Children return to school**

### Future dates for reference:

Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 swimming restarts
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Meeting about Year 2 residential – 3.30pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	BRJS individual school photos (further information to follow)
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	TV individual school photos (further information to follow)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 residential, Caythorpe Park
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	BRJS and TV flu vaccinations (further information will be sent early Nov)
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4 – no swimming (swimming staff training week)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	TV - Pantomime performance to children