



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 excited to be Co-Headteachers of the Trent Rylands Federation and are very much looking forward to working with you and the community to develop both schools in the federation.

We would like to extend a huge welcome to Miss Maltby who will be teaching in Year 2, Miss May who will be teaching in Year 1 and Mrs McCallion who will be teaching in Year 5. 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.

Covid 19 Update

We all hoped we could start off this school year with some normality but unfortunately Covid is still with us. We have reviewed our risk assessment and made some adjustments but are taking "small cautious steps" at the moment. We are no longer working in bubbles but for most activities, the children will remain in their classes or year groups. Playtimes will be opened up to allow the children to mix more but we will avoid whole school playtimes until the children have settled back into the school routine. The updated risk assessment will be on the website soon.

Lunchtimes will remain in class and year groups both inside and outside at present. Assemblies will be split to avoid too many children and adults in the hall at one time and some will still be virtual. We hope that this measured approach will help the children to settle in and also help us to manage the continued Covid situation. We will increase and decrease measures as we see fit.

We are no longer required to isolate whole classes/groups in the event of a positive case. If a child or member of staff tests positive they will be required to be off school and NHS Test and Trace will work with school if any more action needs to take place. We have been advised by Nottingham County Council to inform you of the first positive case in school but, following that, parents will not routinely be informed. However, we will consider factors such as known vulnerabilities within some of our families. Test and Trace may be in touch if your child is identified as a contact. Any child under the age of 18, identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, no longer has to self-isolate for 10 days and should continue to attend school. It is recommended and encouraged that these close contacts take a PCR test but they do not have to isolate whilst awaiting the result of this. If the PCR returns a positive test result, then they will need to self-isolate and follow government guidance for having a confirmed positive case.

In the case of an 'outbreak' either in school or locally, we would be led by Public Health and may have to tighten our controls once again. We are hoping that we will be able to remain open to all children but, as ever, we will have to wait and see. Staff are no longer required to wear face coverings and the rules around social distancing have been relaxed. However, some staff may still choose to wear masks on the playground.

When you bring your children to school or pick them up you can wear masks if you choose. We would encourage you to leave the site promptly and use all the space available. Could you please not wait and chat outside the school gates as this causes a bottle neck.

Speaking to Staff

- Parents/carers may not enter the building unless by prior appointment.
- Please email or phone school if you need to speak to a member of staff; class teachers' email addresses are available on the website. Staff will respond to emails within 5 working days.
- An area will be available in the morning where you can wait if you need to give urgent information to school. You may need to wait until all of the children have gone into school.

Cleanliness and Hand Washing

- Children will wash their hands as they come into school and before they go home.
- Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day particularly before eating and after break times.
- All toilets, surfaces, and regular touch points will be cleaned at least twice daily.
- Children will be taught good toilet and respiratory hygiene.

Covid-19 Coronavirus Symptoms

- **Do not come to school if you have symptoms.** Please follow the latest Government guidance.
- **Inform school** of your symptoms.
- **Get a PCR test.** Inform school of the result.
- If the result is positive engage with the NHS Test and Track Process
- If the test is negative and there is no continued temperature, then your child can come back to school. Please ring the office to discuss this first.
- A negative lateral flow test is not acceptable if your child has symptoms. People who have symptoms (including children) **must** have a PCR test.

Remote Learning

- A weekly timetable of work will be available each week on the website. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 or is having to self-isolate this will be supported by a physical pack of work for them to complete at home. Where possible we will ask you to pick this pack up from school as long as the household member with symptoms does not come.
- If all or part of school is closed, all of the work will be available on the website and there will be regular contact/teaching from school staff.

School Rules

The following are our school rules. 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 Vale Rules

- ④ We are kind and polite to everyone.
- ④ We allow everyone to try their best.
- ④ We do as we are asked, by the adults in school, first time.
- ④ We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.
- ④ We take care of everything in school.
- ④ We all help to keep our school tidy.
- ④ We walk inside school at all times.



The Rylands Way

- Follow instructions with thought and care.
- Show good manners at all times.
- Care for everyone and everything.

Ensuring your child achieves their potential

At the Trent Rylands Federation we want to ensure your child achieves their very best in all aspects of life. The following information will help you to support your child to do this.

Parent Information Meetings

Some of you have already accessed your meeting via Zoom.

The information meetings are for parents and carers to give you the opportunity to see your child's new teacher, to find out about the routines and procedures in their new class and to **find out how you can help your child with their learning.**

Resources your child needs at school

Your child only needs to bring their canvas tote bag with their reading books and reading diary/planner, and their water bottle.

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; this includes practising Bear Words for those children who have just started school. 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.

Planners 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.

Other useful Information

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.

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 record as unauthorised. We will consider fining for long or regular absence due to family holidays.

Lateness

We are retaining a 'window' for start and finish times. This is to prevent the need for large gatherings of parents.

	Trent Vale Infant School	Beeston Rylands Junior School
Start time	8.50am – 9.00am	8.45am – 8.55am
Finish time	3.10pm – 3.20pm	3.20pm – 3.25pm

- Please arrive during this time window.
- Arrival in the morning after the time window will be classed as late.

Bringing Children to School and Collecting Them

- Parents/carers will be unable to take children into the nursery garden, onto the patio or into the playground. Staff will be there to meet them and help them into school.
- The Longlands gate at Trent Vale will remain closed.
- Only 1 adult to bring /collect the children from each family.
- Please follow the one-way system in and out of the school grounds.

Change to Trent Vale drop off and pick up

- Next week (From Mon 13th Sept onwards) we would like to trial a change to drop off and pick up. We would like to make it quicker and smoother.
- You will see **4 cones** with class names on them – **Beech, Lilac, Cedar and Maple**.
- Please line up in the morning and at the end of the day at the cone with your class name on.
- **Elm Class** children and adults can join **any line at morning drop off**.
- At the end of the day **Elm Class children will be picked up from the double doors at the school hall**.
- If you have more than one child, then please make a choice about which child you collect first.

Uniform

Trent Vale Infant School	Beeston Rylands Junior School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers or shoes they can easily run in, but no open toed sandals • Plain white or red polo shirt • Red sweat-shirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece, (with or without school logo). • Black / charcoal / dark grey trousers or jogging bottoms with no logos; or black / charcoal / dark grey leggings or shorts which are suitable for active learning. • Pinafore or red checked dress may also be worn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black trainers or black shoes they can easily run in, but no open toed sandals • Plain white or royal blue polo shirt • Royal blue sweat-shirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece, (with or without school logo). • Black / charcoal / dark grey trousers or jogging bottoms with no logos; or black / charcoal / dark grey leggings or shorts which are suitable for active learning. • Pinafore or blue checked dress may also be worn.

- No make-up, nail varnish, jewellery or unusual hair styles/colours; only a watch and one pair of stud earrings can be worn. **Staff are not able to remove earrings and they cannot be worn during PE.** *Please see the Rylands Junior planner for more detail.*
- If hair can be tied back, it should be.
- Coat or sunhat. Please apply sunscreen before school.
- In cold weather a long sleeved t-shirt can be worn under their polo shirt to keep them warm as windows are open during the entirety of the school day to ensure the air is well circulated.

Lunch and snacks

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

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free hot dinner provided by school or • Packed lunch provided by home 	<p><i>For the first few weeks in September</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packed lunch provided by school. This is free for children in receipt of Free School Meals or bought from school for £2.40 per day via sQuid. • Packed lunch provided by home. <p><i>We will provide hot dinners as soon as we safely can.</i></p>
<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A piece of fruit or vegetables provided by home

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.

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Co Headteachers

Diary Dates Autumn 2021

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

Mon 6 th Sept	BRJS -Year 5-6 Parents Information Meeting
Tues 7 th Sept	TV - Key Stage 1 Parents Information Meeting
Tues 7 th Sept	BRJS - Weekly Year 6 swimming followed by Year 5
Weds 8 th Sept	BRJS - Year 3-4 Parents Information Meeting
Mon 13 th Sept	TV - F1 (nursery) Parents Information Meeting
Tues 14 th Sept	TV -F2 (reception) Parents Information Meeting
Mon 20 th Sept	BRJS/TV E-safety workshops (Y1-Y6)
Tue 21 st Sept	BRJS/TV E-safety workshops (Y1-Y6)
Thurs 23 rd Sept	BRJS - Year 6 Safety Zone Trip
Thurs 7 th Oct	TV - Phonics Information Meeting via Zoom for F2 parents
4 th - 14 th Oct	TV/BRJS – Pre -arranged Parent’s Evening phone calls with class teachers
Weds 13 – 15 th Oct	BRJS - Year 6 residential

Mon 18st Oct – Fri 29th Oct HALF TERM (2 weeks)

Mon 1st Nov Children return to school

Tues 9 th Nov	Y2 Residential meeting via Zoom 6.30pm
Thurs 25 th Nov	BRJS - Flu vaccinations
Wed 1 st Dec	TV - F2, Y1, Y2 Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 9 th Dec	BRJS - Pantomime in school
Fri 17 th Dec	TV – Pantomime in School

Mon 20th Dec – Monday 3rd Jan 2022 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (2 weeks)

Tues 4th Jan - First day of Spring Term - Children return to school

Harvest Festival

BRJS & TV will both be supporting Framework and the Hope Foodbank with donations from our Harvest Collections. The date of the week of donations will be shared once we have confirmation from Framework.

Christmas

The dates of Christmas: parties, dinner, jumper day, Christingle, carol concerts and any performances will be shared with you nearer the time. *These are dependent on any Covid- 19 restrictions which may have been reintroduced.* If this is the case, we will be as creative as we possibly can to allow as many of these festivities to still happen.

Future dates for reference:

BRJS

Mid Nov – tbc - Y5 and 6 visit to the National Holocaust Centre

Wed 30 Mar 2022 - Individual & family group photos

Wed 25 - Thu 26 May 2022 - Y4 Residential

TV

Wed 9th March 2022 - Class & Individual Photos

Wed 29th June - Fri 1st July 2022 - Y2 Residential