

Dear Parents and Carers

Using the Playground Before and After School

School is open from 8.45am and officially starts at 8.55am. The gates will open at 8.45am and children are expected to come straight into school. Parents and carers are responsible for the behaviour of their child(ren) at these times; they are not the responsibility of the school staff and they are not covered by the school insurance.

Children playing on the playground at the end of the school day is becoming an integral part of life at Rylands Junior. The children really enjoy this time to 'let off steam' and socialise with their siblings and friends at the end of the school day. However there are some safety 'rules' that everyone needs to follow to ensure this continues to be successful and everyone is safe. These 'rules' mirror the rules we have in school when the children are using the playground. Again parents and carers are responsible for the behaviour of their child(ren) at these times; they are not the responsibility of the school staff and they are not covered by the school insurance. We hope you feel that these 'rules' are reasonable and are sure you will support us in ensuring that everyone follows them.

- **Children going on the new climbing equipment after school must be closely supervised by their parent or carer.**
- Children can only play in the playground after school if their parent or carer is present.
- Parents/carers are responsible for disciplining their child(ren) if there has been an 'incident'.
- Children who are pupils at Trent Vale are welcome to play on the playground with their older siblings and friends.
- There should be no damage to any of the trees, bushes, plants or wildlife.
- No ball games as we do not currently have these during the school day.
- Children need to be careful and respectful towards other children and adults if they are riding their bike or scooter in the playground.
- Please do not play on the logs or grass when it is muddy as the grass will never grow back in the Spring.

I realise this feels like a 'nagging' letter but my concern is the safety of everyone who uses our premises. If we all work together and follow these 'rules' we can continue to ensure that Rylands Junior has the positive community feel that is special to all of us. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

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