



Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School and Beeston Rylands Junior School Governor Newsletter 2019



School Successes

The governors of both schools are delighted with the Ofsted judgments that both Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School and Beeston Rylands Junior School are both now good schools. In addition, they are also pleased with the continued improvement in our reading, writing and maths results at the end of Year 2 and Year 6, which in 2018 were above the national averages. Additionally, there has been an improvement in our disadvantaged pupils' achievement. This has been due to the on-going hard work of teachers, teaching assistants and children across both schools including the continued monitoring of the teaching, children's books, the learning environment and planning by the Senior Leadership Team. This ensures high quality teaching and learning and a consistency of approach throughout the school. As governors we carry out regular monitoring visits to the school and have been impressed not only by the teaching and learning, but also the supportive, inclusive and fun atmosphere in both schools.

What are we trying to improve?

The governing body and the school leadership team work each year towards a School Improvement Plan. This year, our priorities have included:

Priority 1

To continue to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils so that they do as well as other pupils, particularly in reading, writing and mathematics. This includes:-

- A relentless focus on improving the quality and consistency of teaching.
- Monitoring and evaluating the delivery and impact of support.
- Developing pupils' vocabulary to support and further develop their reading comprehension and writing.
- Actively engaging parents/carers, including for example through the *Achievement for All* project at Trent Vale.
- Increase the percentage of pupils achieving or exceeding age-related expectations in mathematics at Trent Vale.

Priority 2

To further develop and clarify the role of the Executive Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. Develop leadership skills in middle leaders by giving them more opportunity to monitor teaching and learning of their subjects.

A big thank you

The Governing Body would like to express its thanks to all staff, parents, friends and family who support the children with their learning and the school with fundraising events and after school clubs.

What next? – Federation

The collaboration of the two schools has been so successful that we will be consulting in the Autumn term about federating the two schools which means there will be one governing body overseeing the two schools. Look out for further information about this in September.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the work that the governing body is doing, or would be interested in getting involved, please get in touch with the Chair of either school or the Head.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Trent Vale</u> Who are the Governors?</p> <p><u>Parent Governors</u> Jon Wynn Alistair McPherson Georgia Cavanagh-Fletcher <i>Vacancy</i></p> <p><u>Local Authority</u> <i>Vacancy</i></p> <p><u>Co-opted</u> Darrell Todd Lisa Shepherd (Chair) Deidre Bagley Lisa Sharples Sarah Kaye Michael Jackson (Vice Chair) Rachel Beech Gareth Williams</p> <p><u>Staff</u> Jackie Moss (Headteacher) Janine Barratt</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">What are the different types of Governors?</p> <p>Parent Governors are elected to represent the parents.</p> <p>Local Authority Governors are appointed by Nottinghamshire County Council.</p> <p>Co-Opted Governors are invited onto the Governing Body.</p> <p>Staff Governors are voted by the staff of the school and include the Headteacher.</p> <p>Associate Governors are invited onto the Governing Body because they have specific skills that they benefit the group. They have limited voting rights</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Beeston Rylands</u> Who are the Governors?</p> <p><u>Parent Governors</u> Chris Aldridge <i>Vacancy</i></p> <p><u>Local Authority</u> Michael Jackson</p> <p><u>Co-opted</u> Chris Jones (Chair) Rachel Beech Lisa Shepherd Michelle Gough Sue Osborne Gareth Williams Jodie Lopez (Vice Chair) <i>Vacancy x 2</i></p> <p><u>Staff</u> Jackie Moss (Headteacher) Jamie Harper</p> |
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A Summary of what the Governing Body Does:-

- Decides on what the school wants to achieve and what plans need to be in place to get there – in the context of national expectations;
- Agrees ways in which standards and attainment can continually improve;
- Supports and challenges the Headteacher and staff by reviewing the policies, practice and achievements of the school;
- Determines matters such as the school’s budget, its staffing issues and discipline issues;

The Governing Body of a school is only one player in a wide partnership, which also includes the parents, the staff in the school, the Local Authority and the government. The Governors take advice from the Headteacher before making any decisions.

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| <p>Finance at Trent Vale</p> <p>At the start of 2018-19 the school was in credit by £56,768 and by the end of the financial year we were £54,659 in credit. Our projected deficit n 2019-20 will -£14,025. This is due to the impact of low numbers in F2 and after some TAs have been made redundant and others reduced their hours.</p> | <p>Finance at Beeston Rylands</p> <p>At the start of 2018-19 the school was in credit by £48,009 and by the end of the financial year we were £92,171 in credit. Our projected underspend in 2019-20 will be reduced to £60,841 due to essential maintenance to the building.</p> |
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The Governing Body ensures the school has appropriate internal control systems and complies with the Local Authority scheme for financing schools and with guidance issued by Ofsted and the DfE. A detailed summary of the school finances for 2017-18 is available from the school on request.

Disability, gender and race equality

The school is required by law to have a Single Equality Scheme to comply with the 2010 Equality Act. This is available along with the equality action plan on the school website. If you would like more information concerning this policy, its related action plan and the monitoring of this area then please contact the school office and arrange to see Mrs Moss.

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