



Autumn Term 1

September 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Croeso! Welcome back to school. We really hope everyone has had a great summer holiday and that everyone is looking forward to the adventures ahead.

The COVID-19 situation has improved but we continue to follow the advice and guidance from the Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and the Local Authority. School will continue to keep you informed of any changes. Please see the back page which includes updated information regarding the changes to contact tracing and self isolation.

Many thanks to you all for listening and following what we have asked:

- face coverings are worn
- maintain social distancing
- avoid congestions onsite by not stopping to chat on school site

Over the next half term there will be building work going on to improve the site security. New fencing, gates and cameras will be installed by the Local Authority. As soon as we have a start date we will let you know. Please work with us during this time.

We are aiming to continue being a paperless school so all methods of communication following this initial letter and the newsletters from each new year group we will be using are listed below.

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It is essential that you have downloaded this free app onto your phone as it is our main method of communication. Teachers will post updates, latest information and reminders about your child and you will also receive headteacher newsletters and other important information about school. Anyone can subscribe to our school which makes it a useful tool for all family members.



Twitter for the school is **@Rumneyprm**

As well as a Rumney Primary twitter account, each year group also has their own twitter accounts to ensure that you can follow and see some of the lovely activities your child has taken part in. If you followed your child in e.g. Reception last year, then you need to make sure that you now follow them in Year 1. The Year group twitter accounts are as follows:-

@RumneyPrmNurse1

@RumneyPrmRecep1

@RumneyPrmYear1
@RumneyPrmYear2
@RumneyPrmYear3
@RumneyPrmYear4
@RumneyPrmYear5
@RumneyPrmYear6



ParentPay Parent pay website - <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Over the last year, we have successfully started using the Parent Pay system for parents to pay for their dinner money and those in nursery to pay for their snacks. It also enables parents to select their children's meals for the week ahead. Going forward, we will also be using this system for any other payments that may be requested throughout the school year, such as school trips. It is important for those of you who have not yet activated your account to make sure you do this as soon as possible. We currently have 88% of our families on board with activated accounts but should you need a reminder of your username and password, then please let us know.



Rumney Primary School email address
rumneyprm@cardiff.gov.uk

We know how important it is for you to be able to contact the school. As well as the main email address above, should you want to contact your child's teacher directly, here is a list of their email addresses below. The teachers will make every effort to respond to you at an appropriate and convenient time.

Year Group	Class Name	Teachers Name	Email address
Nursery	Little Saplings	Mrs Proctor	jproctor@rumneyprm.net
Reception	Little Pumpkins	Miss Baldwin / Mrs Heycock	dbaldwin@rumneyprm.net cheycock@rumneyprm.net
Reception	Willow Trees	Mrs McNally	kmcnally@rumneyprm.net
Year 1	Cherry Trees	Mrs Lewis	slewis@rumneyprm.net
Year 1	Apple Trees	Mr Fryer / Mrs Moore	dfryer@rumneyprm.net gmoore@rumneyprm.net
Year 2	Holly Trees	Miss Gale / Mrs Lloyd	jgale@rumneyprm.net dlloyd@rumneyprm.net
Year 2	Little Acorns	Mrs Rogers	rrogers@rumneyprm.net
Year 3	Chestnut Trees	Miss Jones	sjones@rumneyprm.net
Year 3	Cherry Blossoms	Mrs Howells	rhowells@rumneyprm.net
Year 4	Cedar Trees	Mrs Oelmann	joelmann@rumneyprm.net
Year 4	Maple Trees	Mr Carne	mcarne@rumneyprm.net

Year 5	Palm Trees	Mrs Williams / Mrs Chell	jwilliams@rumneyprm.net echell@rumneyprm.net
Year 5	Hazel Trees	Mr Bushby	nbushby@rumneyprm.net
Year 6	Oaks	Miss Crossland	mcrossland@rumneyprm.net
Year 6	Redwoods	Mrs Dash	jdash@rumneyprm.net

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Rumney Primary school website
- <https://rumneyprm.net>

We endeavour to keep our website updated with information that we know you will find useful. Please see the link above.

It is key that we are also able to get in touch with you as parents too, so please can you ensure that we have the most up to date contact information, including any new mobiles or change in circumstances.

Dates for your Diary

Term Dates

Half term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Ends: Friday 17 December 2021

INSET Dates

Monday 18th October 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Platinum Jubilee additional holiday - Friday 27th May 2022

School photographs - Monday 11th October 2021

The Head Teacher Newsletter will be sent on the Thursday before the end of each half term. Other information will be shared electronically as needed.

We are looking forward to a successful first half term.

Best Wishes

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Miss D E Williams
Headteacher

Changes to contact tracing and self-isolation from this September

I hope you and your child have enjoyed the summer break.

As we return to school, there are some new arrangements in place when someone tests positive for COVID-19. These changes have been made possible by the vaccination programme and the significant reduction in numbers being hospitalised and suffering severe illness due to COVID-19 over recent months.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 using a PCR test, NHS Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) will contact you, using the details provided when the PCR test was ordered. They will ask questions designed to identify recent close contacts of your child, and for contact details - if you know them - of the individual or their parent/guardian. TTP will then get in touch with these close contacts to provide instructions or advice.

Those who are under 18 or fully vaccinated are no longer required to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts. But they will be contacted to let them know that they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. They will also be offered two PCR tests and provided with information and advice on how to minimise the risks of onward spread. If your child is identified as a close contact, they can still attend school unless they develop symptoms or are advised otherwise by TTP. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive.

If a child tests positive, only a minority of their classmates will be identified as close contacts. But if there is a pattern of cases TTP may ask us to update you on the situation and remind you of key steps, including advising you to keep an eye out for new symptoms your child may develop, and to stay away from vulnerable family and friends in the short-term.

We do expect that there will be cases of COVID-19 across our community over the coming weeks, but this does not mean that COVID-19 is spreading within the school. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms. If you are in any doubt, order a PCR test for your child at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Anyone with symptoms - a new continuous cough, fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste - should remain in self-isolation until the test result is known. You can find the latest information on self-isolation arrangements at www.gov.wales/self-isolation.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families have had to make. Thank you for everything you have done to support your child and our school.