



Calmore Infant School

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Dear Parents,

As I write this newsletter, there is a real sense of excitement for next week. The staff are so looking forward to being able to do the job that they signed up for, and be in a classroom with a whole class again. We have spent the last 2 weeks getting ready for this and I am really grateful to the staff for the way in which they have worked to make the return to school so positive and fun.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for all your support this year. Home learning is a really big ask and we know that it looks very different in every family, some people will have done more and others would have found it a real challenge. This is ok and is echoed throughout the country, you are not alone.

We will not be talking about 'catch up' and the language associated with being 'behind and a race to catch up'. Instead, our focus is on the 3 R's;

- **Restoration** into school life (behaviour, routine's etc.)
- **Relationships** (working alongside and with others, taking on feedback as a learner)
- **Responding** to need – (supporting each child with where they are and ensuring that they have a positive self perception, believing in themselves).

We are experts on what our children need, this looks different in every school, for every different cohort. What we have is a belief that all of our children 'can do it'. Please do not worry about things that they are working on. We will do it together.

Clothing

Please make sure that your child is in school uniform, as mentioned in previous letters. We do have spare jumpers if you find that your child has grown out of them. They also need spare clothing on their pegs – we do not have enough spare clothing to lend out.



Hair:

All long hair must be tied back – both for safety in using PE apparatus and also as we have had several cases of headlice in school. As we return to school children now need to make sure that they do not have dyed hair.

Reading and Library Books

Please return any spare reading books as soon as possible to enable us to prepare for children returning to school. We have many books missing from our phonics scheme still.



Lateral Flow Testing

As mentioned in my letter this week, all parents and carers with school age children are entitled to pick up test kits for lateral flow testing for Covid. These are for those with no symptoms.

We test as a staff on a Sunday and Wednesday and recommend that you do the same.



Unwelcome Visitors in School!

We are aware of cases of head lice in children currently in school. Please can you check your child's hair? We recommend that you comb their hair at least once a week. It appears that head lice have not followed the stay at home rules!

We do have nit combs available at the school office free of charge if you need one!!



Have a fantastic weekend, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Don't forget to set an alarm, we have lots to fit into our first day back and do not want any body to sleep in and miss the fun!

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