



At Calmore
Registered Charity No. 1062510

Picking up your child from pre-school

If someone different needs to pick up your child and they are not on our known contact list, please could you phone us in advance and let your relative/friend know the password. We will not be able to allow them to take the child otherwise.

Thank you

Drinks

Please could we ask that you only fill drinks bottles with water. It's so much healthier generally and kinder to teeth.

Thanks for your co-operation.

School Dinners

Please send us your orders & payments by midday on Wednesdays for the following week. The cost per meal is £3.

Please be aware that the deadline for ordering & paying for week commencing 19th February is Wednesday 7th February due to half term.

Coats & Bookbags

Please remember to bring a coat for your child. Also, it's important to bring your child's bookbag each day.

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Sickness at Pre-School

If your child has a high temperature or is feeling unwell, please keep them off pre-school until they no longer have a high temperature and are feeling well enough to attend. If a child has a positive Covid 19 test, they should avoid contact with other people for 3 days.

If your child has a sickness bug, they cannot return until 48 hours after the last episode.

We also have lots of cases of chicken pox, please keep your child off until the spots have scabbed over. Thank you for your co-operation.

Staff Structure

Manager	Tracy Mitchell
Deputy & Safeguarding	Ruth Houghton
SENCO	Donna Broom
Practitioners	Marlene, Wendy, Vanessa, Emma P, Amber, Lisa, Nicole, Emma E, Alana & Loren
Support Staff	Vicki & Lorna
Admin Assistant	Denise

In the event of snow

If Caterpillars is closed, you will be notified by phone and there will also be a message on Facebook.

DIARY DATES

Feb	
12 th - 16 th	Half Term
Mar	
4 th - 8 th	Mother's Day Activities
28 th	Last day of term
29 th - 12 th Apr	Easter Holidays
Apr	
15 th	Inset day (pre-school closed)
16 th	Pre-school reopens
May	
6 th	Bank Holiday
27 th - 31 st	Half Term
July	
23 rd	Inset day (pre-school closed)

Mother's Day Activities Week

Monday 4th - Friday 8th March

We would like to invite Mums (or another female relative/carer) to come into pre-school during either the morning session between 8:30 and 11am or afternoon session between 12:15 and 2pm to join us in our Mother's Day Activities. Further details to follow nearer the time.



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Pre-school Policies

Please be aware that a folder containing our policies is kept in the foyer so that parents can read or refer to them at any time.

Privacy Notice

Our privacy statement will be posted on facebook and on our website so you will be able to refer to it as & when needed. The Hampshire County Council privacy statement will be displayed at Caterpillars.

Tapestry

Please don't forget to log in to Tapestry regularly as it contains lots of information on what your child has been doing at pre-school. It would be lovely if you could add what your child has been doing at home too.

Payment of Invoices

Please be aware that it is our policy that unless the previous half term's invoice has been paid in full, your child will not be able to attend sessions the following term until the debt is cleared. If they are funded they will be restricted to funded hours only.

Payment deadline for Spring Term 1st Half is Monday 5th February.

PLEASE, please, please make sure all your child's belongings eg clothes, shoes, bags, lunch boxes and drink bottles are **NAMED**. Don't forget scarves & gloves too!

Also please make sure you provide your child with a coat as they do go outside to play on the Infant School playground. We do not have any spare coats at preschool. **If you think your child is not well enough to play outside, please consider carefully whether they are well enough to be at pre-school. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns because you think that a child might be being abused and you want to talk to someone, or ask someone to find out what is going on, you should contact the Children's Services Dept. During office hours (8:30am - 5:00pm you should contact Children's Services: **0300 555 1384**

At all other times you should contact the out-of-hours Service: **0300 555 1373**

For all emergency situations call 999.

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000
Women's Aid: 0808 2000 247
(Free phone 24 Hour National Domestic Violence Helpline)
Hampshire Police: 0845 045 4545
You can find out more about child protection at www.hants.gov.uk/child-protection

Facebook

Please ask to join our Caterpillars at Calmore Facebook Group. It's a quick way of getting messages and updates to you and for you to contact us.

Folder/Bookbags

Please remember to send in your child's folder/bookbag each day. Also check your child's bag for regular information and letters.

Updating emergency contacts

Please make sure that we have your up to date contact numbers, addresses and child health forms. It can be very distressing for the children, parent and staff if we can't get hold of you in an emergency.

