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The countdown begins for the return to the classrooms and children, mothers and teachers experience it very differently

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To the joy of some and the sadness of others, the countdown to the return to school has already begun. A return that generates all kinds of reactions and emotions depending on who you ask.

El Periòdic spoke to mothers and students to explain how they experience this return to school, which leaves two very contrasting visions. We also contact teachers to explain how this return is experienced from their point of view.

Starting with the parents, who in the vast majority long for the time to come for several reasons: to get back to the routine at home, to have the children busy enough hours of the day and therefore not have to worry, while they are in the center school with whom to leave them and in this way avoid financial expenses or gain time for them. This is the case of Marta, a mother with two children who had to juggle during the summer to take care of the children together with her husband, while they both worked: «It has been quite complicated, neither me nor my man we have holidays between July and August and we had to ask for help to my parents to take care of the children». In their case, similar to that of many families, they are delighted that September is coming: «After a few qui-



The Andorran School of Sant Julià de Lòria.

te chaotic months, I appreciate a bit of stability, to recover more normal schedules and not have to constantly think about who I can leave my children», explained Marta.

Another point of view is that of young people, who see summer as the best time of the year precisely for all the reasons their parents don't: less routines, more free time. Jan is a young Andorran who will start high school this year and he related how his motivation and desire to start disappeared over the years: «When I was in primary school I wanted to start school, at that time there was no mobile phone, it was smaller and I couldn't see my fri-

Parents celebrate the return to school to recover routine and habits at home

ends very often during the summer, and I was looking forward to going back to see them.» So, the desire to go back to school when I was younger was mainly caused by social reasons.

However, there was indeed a moment in his educational stage where there were educational arguments that motivated him to return: «When I started ESO, I was curious about what the new stage would be like and if it would really mean a big change». On the other hand, this illusion did not last long «the rest of the years I had less desire, because the level and demand increased».

And finally, at present, a few days before starting high school, desire, excitement and motivation are words that are far from defining what this moment means for Jan: «Both teachers and students who have already completed the academic year they tell us that it is the worst stage and of course I feel a little anxious», he affirmed.

On the other hand, there are the teachers of the educational centers, who analyze how they see the return to school and how eager the students are to return: «Depending on the age, this anxiety varies. The little ones still don't quite know where they are going and spend a few days adapting. The older kindergarteners are very eager to reunite with their friends and get back

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Carme Garcia

ANDORRAN SCHOOL TEACHER

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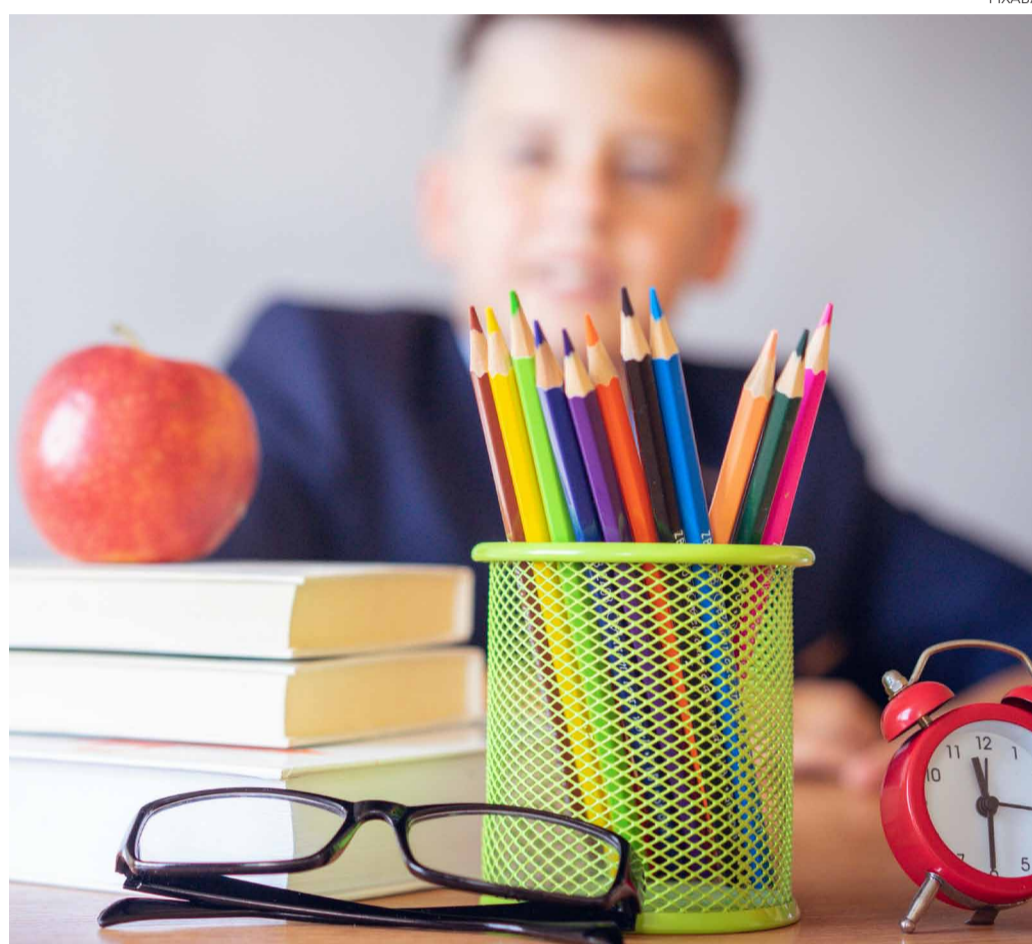
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Jan

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

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to the routine of activities and games,» explained Carme, a kindergarten teacher at the Escola Andorrana. In addition, Carme, who has been working as a teacher for 30 years, explained that



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she faces each new year with great motivation: «After recharging our batteries during the summer, we are ready to face a new year with enthusiasm and eager to meet again with our little ones and not so little ones». Despite having spent three decades in this profession, Carme assured that «all beginnings are different, there are always new projects that make each year different and enriching for the teachers and especially for the students who are continuously in an active learning process».

The teachers face the return with motivation, prepared to guide the students

Regarding the return of educational activity, Esther Carmona, a teacher at another school in the country, considered that «two months of disconnection is a lot, reconnecting is difficult, the 'rentrée' is to start again from scratch every year, worries and nerves are part of it, with more or less intensity.» The main doubts that arise among the students are «what the new teacher will be like, what the new class dynamic will be like and who the new classmates will be», detailed Carmona.

So, there is just one week left until the Principality's schools return to activity for the next nine months and, with this imminent start, both parents and students and teachers are preparing to face a new academic year full of challenges and opportunities.

Marta, along with many other mothers, with her plant of optimism, hopes that her children will return to the classroom to recover the routine and a certain tranquility at home, while Jan, despite his reluctance, trusts to be able to find moments of joy in a difficult, but exciting stage like high school.

Finally, the teachers, like Carme and Esther, prepare with excitement to guide their students on this journey of growth, knowing that every year is a new adventure. ●

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