

# Pear Tree Mead Academy

*Educating children 2 – 11*

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have been advised that since the government announcement regarding school closure, there has been an increase in social media posts from teachers, or people possibly posing to be teachers, offering to support families in a variety of ways. This includes teaching and offering online tutoring or providing on-line support. This obviously is not regulated and open to risk, particularly while families are isolated at home. Please ensure that you are mindful of this and seek appropriate advice where necessary.

It is important you ensure your child is always adequately supervised at home, and keeping safe online. When your child is accessing any online learning or other online activities, please ensure they are adequately and appropriately supervised. You may want to have a regular catch up with your child to share what they have been doing online. You should also always ensure that you have adequate parental controls and filtering in place, to ensure children only access appropriate sites and material. In this worrying and anxious time children will make mistakes online and when socialising with friends. Please support them through this time and guide them the best you can.

The online world is something we are all learning to cope with and navigate and children are doing the same.

Please see the following sites for very useful parental advice:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

<https://parentinfo.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

<https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> (support with APPs and what they entail)

I hope you are all well and can't wait to see you all again soon.

Mrs Arnould

Designated Safeguarding Lead

