

Pear Tree Mead Academy

Educating children 2 – 11

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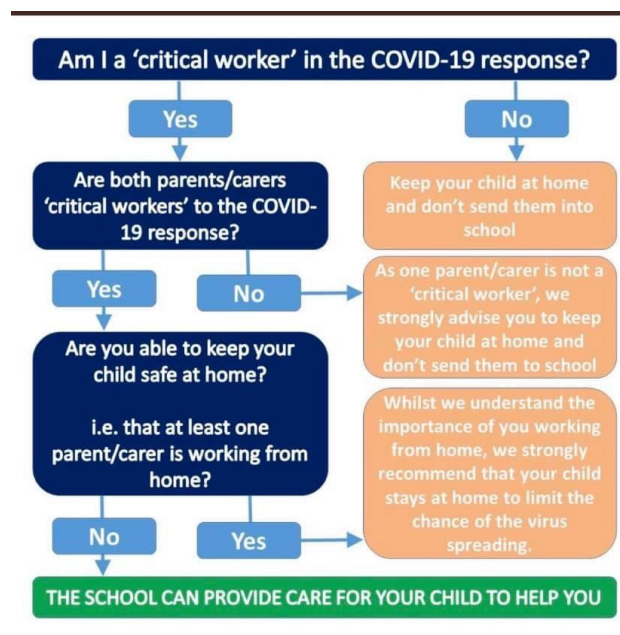
Dear parents

I hope that you all remain safe and well and that you are remaining positive at this difficult time.

I am reaching out to key worker parents who have children due into school this week and beyond.

I am asking parents to please consider only use the school as a last resort for child care. I am really concerned that we have some parents using the child care service who don't need it and this is not following government guidance. It pains me to be putting more children, families and the dutiful Pear Tree Mead staff at risk if it can possibly be avoided. The provision is for families for who it is absolutely necessary and is their only option and last resort. Your children are far safer at home as we cannot guarantee keeping the children 2 metres apart.

Please see the flow chart below and responsibly access if the provision you have requested needs to be used.



I am sure you understand that the staff I have available to run this provision are reducing by the day and if we do not have enough staff then the school will have to shut. I need to try and stay open for the necessary critical key workers. The smaller the number of children who need to be at school the less staff I need to stay open.



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If you, your child or anyone you have been in close contact with or lives in your family home has a fever or cough, then you and your family will need to self isolate for 14 days. Your child cannot attend the provision in this time.

We reserve the right to take your child's temperature when they are with us. If they have a temperature for whatever reason, you will have to come and collect them and they have to self isolate with you at home for 14 days. This means you should not leave the house. This is also the case for any child with a cough, whatever the reason. We take no chances. We cannot afford to for the sake of your child, your family, our staff and the wider community. Children will be kept in isolation until they are collected. Prompt collection is required. We then have to take advice and if a deep clean is required **ALL** children could be sent home.

We will be asking all parents to sign a contract so that you understand the guidance for this provision. Please sign this and return it to school on your child's next day. Failure to sign this or break the contact may lead to the removal of your child's space. I know that this sounds harsh but the safety of the children and staff is paramount.

I am now asking for further evidence of your work and the hours and days that you need to work. I will be taking time to consider every child's case and look at whether we feel there are other options for you. The government are now supporting people who may not be able to go to work and supporting them with pay if they cannot work.

Some employers are writing letters to say that parents are classed as key workers but it is the schools decision as to who to accept into the provision.

Please complete and provide the evidence below to support your application. If we have to make the difficult decision to not accept your job as a critical key worker we will let you know as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have now found alternative child care arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. It is a difficult time for our community and Pear Tree Mead will endeavour to support the families that absolutely need us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Peden



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Form to be completed on paper or via the App

Name of child

Parent 1:-

Job Title: _____

Why this meets keyworker status _____

Name of employer _____

Phone number _____

Hours and days work _____

Evidence attached of employment – eg letter from employer, key card, name badge. Please email this to kate.townsend@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk or bring it to the office.

Parent 2:-

Job Title: _____

Why this meets keyworker status _____

Name of employer _____

Phone number _____

Hours and days work _____

Evidence attached of employment – eg letter from employer, key card, name badge. Please email this to kate.townsend@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk or bring it to the office.

