

Pear Tree Mead Academy

Educating children 2 – 11

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Dear Parents, (of key worker children)

I am writing to let you know how the planned phased opening of the school will affect you and your children.

The government are telling schools that we should group children into small 'bubbles' of children. Bubbles of children would be placed with groups of staff and based in one room. These bubbles shouldn't mix with other bubbles of children during the school day.

If your child is in Year Nursery, 2, 3, 4 or 5 this will not affect your child. Your child will be in the key worker bubble and you will be able to book in days in exactly the same way that you have been doing already.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, you have a decision to make. Your child can only be placed in one group (one bubble).

This can either be the key worker bubble where you will be able to attend flexibly any day of the week and book in days like you presently do. If you make this decision your child will stay in the key worker classroom and will not be able to have any contact with your child's class or staff. This is because we cannot mix groups or bubbles of children.

The other option is to join the class bubble. This will mean a reduction in your weekly allocation.

In Reception (one full day)

Beech will be attending all day on a Monday.

Cedar will be attending all day on a Thursday.

You can choose one day for them to attend whichever class they are in depending on which day may work for you.

Year 1 (2 days)

Elm and Fir will be attending for 2 days a week – on a Monday and Tuesday.



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Year 6 (2 days)

Children will be attending for 2 days a week – both classes will be in on a Monday and Tuesday.

Once you make the choice to join the class bubble you will only be able to attend on those days and you will not be able to book into the key worker class. You will not then be on flexible attendance and you will be expected to attend on those set days only.

When step two of the phased return happens, parents of children in Year N,2,3,4 and 5 will be offered the same options as I assume that step two of phased return will only be part time as well. Therefore, the key worker group will remain until all children can be back in every day.

This will only change when the government go back to full time education and the key worker group doesn't exist anymore.

I'm sorry that this may be a hard decision for you to make but I wanted to be able to give you the option to choose. At the moment we won't be offering non key worker children an option of days. This is an option only for key worker children so that this might fit in with shifts that you have to work.

We will be sending home our return to school agreement which you must talk to your child about and sign and return. A paper copy will come home for you to sign on the first day that your child attends. ***Children or parents who deliberately choose not to follow the agreed guidance will be asked not to attend school for an agreed period of time.***



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For your information, school packed lunches will be a choice of:-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Egg, Cheese or Tuna Wrap	Egg, Cheese or Tuna Roll	Egg, Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Egg, Cheese or Tuna Wrap	Egg, Cheese or Tuna Roll
Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Oat Cookie	Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt	Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Cake	Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Shortbread	Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

We thank you for your support in this matter. We appreciate this time has been emotionally difficult and we feel the same. We have your children's best interests at heart and will continue to make decisions based on this priority.

Stay safe
Mrs Peden
Headteacher

This form only needs completing if your child is in the key worker class and is in Year R, 1 or 6

Childs Name _____

Year Group:- **Rec / Yr 1 / Yr 6**

I would like my child to be in the keyworker group **YES / NO**

If you have said no your child can attend in the Year group class.

If your child is in Reception and you would like to be in the class group which day would you like? **MONDAY / THURSDAY**

