

# Pear Tree Mead Academy

*Educating children 2 – 11*

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to say that we have been working with our catering provider ISS to have hot meals back on our menu after half term. I know this has been difficult for some, with only the picnic bag option, and we have appreciated your understanding around this, which has allowed us to implement safe lunchtimes, reducing numbers into the hall.

We now have a plan, which have needed the time to put together as whilst we recognise that hot meals needed to return to our menu, the children's safety throughout this is of the utmost importance. The dining facilities will be split between hall and classroom eating, to accommodate all the children. To enable enough time to serve all the children without having to split lunchtimes further the following adaptation to the menu ( attached) have been made.

- Only one choice of vegetable per day
- Only one choice of topping on Jacket potatoes per day
- Four choices of food each day
- Only one choice for pudding each day
- Ordering on CYPAD
- Four tables put out in hall; classes sit on opposite sides of the hall. Classes cannot share tables.
- Packed lunches and school dinners will all stay together.

If your child has their meal sitting in the hall, then they will eat as follows:

- On trays as per usual
- Normal Cutlery
- Food will be served to the children (which is why there is not so much choice)  
We will be reviewing this and if this does not work, classes may come up to the hatch if possible.

If your child is to take their meal sitting in the class, the following arrangements have been made:

- Food will be served in shell containers.
- Food will be then put in a box to carry to the classrooms
- Food will be delivered to the classroom (which is why there is not so much choice)
- Staff will be given lists to show who has ordered what.
- Children will be given bamboo cutlery
- Containers and cutlery to be thrown away – but is all recyclable.



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Children will spend either 30 mins in the hall or classroom and then 30 mins outside on the playground. Activities will be provided for the children to complete inside when they have finished eating but their outside time has not started.

On some occasions the playground will need to be split in half as two-year groups will need to use the Junior playground. Children will not be allowed to access the other half of the playground.

Aspen Class will eat lunch in the classroom .

Reception Classes will in the small hall but with shell containers.

To reassure you of our plans the timetable for lunch will be as follows

| Time        | Year group | Where                               |
|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12.00-12.30 | Year 1     | In the Hall – having lunch          |
| 12.00-12.30 | Year 2     | Outside - infant Playground         |
| 12.30-1.00  | Year 2     | In the Hall – Having Lunch          |
| 12.30-1.00  | Year 1     | Outside Infant Playground           |
| 12.30-1.00  | Year 3     | Classroom – Eating Lunch            |
| 12.30-1.00  | Year 6     | Classroom – Eating Lunch            |
| 12.30-1.00  | Year 4     | Outside – Half of Junior Playground |
| 12.30-1.00  | Year 5     | Outside – Half of Junior Playground |
| 1.00-1.30   | Year 4     | In the Hall – Eating Lunch          |
| 1.00-1.30   | Year 3     | Outside – Infant Playground         |
| 1.00-1.30   | Year 4     | Outside – Junior Playground         |

This Plan to be reviewed at Christmas and we will swap the arrangements around for year groups.

Thank You

Mrs Peden  
Head teacher

