

# Pear Tree Mead Academy

*Educating children 2 – 11*

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the children to return to school tomorrow, we need to ensure that children and staff can be kept as safe as possible as we make efforts to reduce the transmission of Covid upon school reopening. We are therefore asking that all pupils take a LFD test today.

If your child shows a positive LFD result, they will need to be kept away from school, please report their absence in the usual way and ensure they take a PCR test. The result of the PCR test will need to be sent through to Mrs Townsend – [kate.townsend@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk](mailto:kate.townsend@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk) before they return.

Any positive results will mean the child will need to be kept away from school and the following guidance regarding isolation adhered to. (*Evidence of the day 6 and 7 negative LFD will need to be shown if returning to school from day 7*).

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

We have also made some changes to our Covid risk assessment. The three changes that affect you as parents are that we ask you limit your visits into the office. We are not allowing parents into the rest of the building and understand that in an emergency you will need to enter the office ( you must wear a mask when doing so please). However, we ask that you equip your children with all the necessary items for school, to avoid extra drop offs and contact with office staff.

Due to the limitation of parents onsite, if you need a meeting with a member of staff these will be made via zoom or telephone

We hope that you will support the changes we have made whilst we try to maintain, a healthy, fully staffed and well attended school.



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Thank You and a Happy New Year

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