Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Melissa Heywood and I am excited to introduce myself as the new owner of Pear Tree Montessori Nursery. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about my background and where I am from and to then share with you the vision of care and education the team aims to deliver for your children at the nursery.

I am the mother of four children - three boys, aged 19, 16 and 7 and a little girl aged 6. In July 2019 my partner and co-owner, Gareth and I moved from Huddersfield to Manchester. While in Huddersfield I worked as a nursery manager for a family run group of private day nurseries.

Gareth and I bought our first nursery in Prestwich in 2020 and our second in Worsley in 2022. You can find more details on both nurseries below. We are really excited to be acquiring Pear Tree Montessori Nursery which fits our values and compliments our other two settings. Over the last few months, we have been working closely with the current owner, Danielle, to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. Over the next six months we will be looking to gradually rebrand the nursery to Park Avenue Montessori Nursery but rest assured the day to day operation will remain the same along with all staff.

https://beechesdaynurseryprestwich.co.uk/
https://hollyhouse.net/

I have an honours degree in Childhood Studies, and I am an Early Years Teacher; these qualifications teamed with my managerial experience equip me with vast knowledge in all aspects of care, education and development of young children. Having worked in childcare for almost 22 years, I understand that to deliver the highest quality of education that your children deserve, is down to meaningful play opportunities in a stimulating environment surrounded by staff who are attentive and care.

Pear Tree Montessori Nursery is very lucky to have a well-qualified, experienced and long-serving staff team who clearly show their devotion to your children. We would like to reassure families that the staff team will not change. Kirsty will continue to manage the setting and will be supported by myself and my Area Manager Liz Johnson. We are looking to create a culture that celebrates the hard work the staff do, ensuring there are opportunities for reflection, reward and celebration.

Finally, I would like to say that I am humbled and thankful to be taking over from Danielle who has created a nursery where your children are safe, happy and eager to learn. I look forward to working with the staff and to meet you all over time!

Kind regards

Melissa Heywood
Managing Director / Co-Owner