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Dear Parents of Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9

RE: Design & Technology Materials Contribution

I hope your children are enjoying their Design & Technology lessons this year and learning lots of new skills. As many of you will be aware, I write to you each academic year to ask you to contribute towards the cost of materials used in the Design & Technology subjects. This contribution covers most of the material costs involved in the making of practical work. The contributions are greatly appreciated and allow us to continue to deliver a very much practically based curriculum, where pupils are given the opportunity to make high quality products. We have managed to tweak the timings of our subject rotations, so despite the period of online learning, pupils will still be able to experience practical work in all material areas.

The contribution for this year is £10.00. The money will be used to contribute towards fabric/ink in Textiles, materials used in Resistant Materials, Systems and Control and Graphics and stock ingredients in Food, which will be given out during the practical cooking lessons. The ingredients include oil for frying, salt and pepper, herbs and spices and flour for thickening sauces. We have introduced this to help with bulky or unusual ingredients you may not normally buy. Anything the school provides for the practical lessons will be in **BOLD** on the ingredients list. All other items will need to be brought in by pupils.

The only payment method now available in school is Parent Pay; if you need to be reminded of your username and password please contact the Finance Team at the school on 01271 349025. Regrettably we are no longer able to accept cheques or cash.

Please be aware that the main ingredients for Food and some resources for Textiles will need to be brought in by pupils when they are taught these subjects.

I would be very grateful if you could pay the £10.00 contribution using Parent Pay by Friday 30th April 2021. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school.

Many thanks to all of you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Harvest
Head of Design & Technology