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Dear Parents and Carers,

Design and Technology Ingredients and Materials

During the pandemic we stopped asking families to provide ingredients for cooking lessons in order to reduce the risk of spreading infection. During this period we provided ingredients free of charge so that our curriculum could continue, however, in the long term we cannot continue to do this.

In Food Technology the traditional method of bringing ingredients from home could, at times, be troublesome and some families found this quite stressful. We wish to avoid this moving forward.

In Design and Technology many schools charge students to take home items that they have made in the workshop and while we have not done this for many years, rising material costs are causing us difficulty.

The full curriculum plan can be seen on the school website but each year students rotate through a programme of modules creating a range of outcomes shown in the table below.

Rotation	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Materials	Timber focus Nightlight	Metal focus Bottle opener	Plastic focus Clock
Design	CAD/CAM focus Phone stand	Drawing and Designing	Multi-material focus Jewellery
Food	Apple swan Pizza muffin Pasta salad Jam buns	Quesadilla Bread Sausage rolls/Cheese straws Muffins	Fajita Vegetable curry Pasta in tomato ragu Chow mein Marbled fairy cakes

To ensure we can continue to run the current curriculum we are now asking the parents and carers of students in years 7, 8 and 9 for an annual, voluntary contribution of £5 to help towards the cost of materials. To enable you to make a payment this has now been added to Parentpay. We believe students gain a great deal from the practical experience of making physical items and we hope that you feel able to support us.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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