

Dear parent/carer

## Design and technology contribution annual request

During the course of the school year your child will be making a variety of items as part of their lessons, many of which they will be able to bring home and keep. These items will be made from consumable materials, electronic components and resistant materials. Due to funding changes in recent years and an increase in costs generally, we are unable to continue to provide such a range of experiences without your help. Therefore, to help cover the cost of these materials and to ensure that students have access to good quality materials and equipment, each year the design and technology department will be asking parents for a voluntary contribution.

Your contribution will allow students to be more creative and use a wider range of materials. It serves to encourage students to take more care with their work and not waste materials. The contribution will also enable the DT department to continue to provide a variety of opportunities for students to make and take home products that they design, and will enable us to invest funds in new equipment.

In recent years we have chosen to support students in taking park in these practical lessons by providing the ingredients, rather than requesting students provide and bring them in. We are continuing to ask for contributions towards these costs and we will purchase and provide the necessary food ingredients.

As a school we are mindful of the cost of living crisis that may be affecting your families, and therefore I will emphasise that contributions are purely voluntary and will not affect the quality of education that your child will receive. We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £12.00 to include both the food ingredients and other DT materials. If you are happy to make a contribution towards the cost of your child's resources for technology this year, this can be paid via ParentPay.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email to <a href="mailto:dbuckley6@uhs.org.uk">dbuckley6@uhs.org.uk</a>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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