

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Paying for projects made in Design and Technology

Projects will include: -

Textiles – Alien Soft Toy- Learning to hand sew with a variety of stitches. Also an introduction to sewing machines and their safe use, natural fibres and the environmental issues connected to creating fabrics and their disposal.

Resistant Materials and Systems – Students will be learning to work with basic hand tools and machines in the school workshop. Students will be introduced to the process of Computer aided design and manufacturing using Techsoft 2D design software and the laser cutter. Students will be taught to apply these skills when designing and making their products.

The cost for projects made in lessons is £8.00. This charge ensures that students can take home the projects that they make without the need for complex charging systems. By the terms of the 1988 Education Reform Act, projects that take place in school time may not be subject to compulsory charges. Parents may, however, make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the project provided that no student is excluded whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay. Should a parent choose to exercise that legal right, the student's cost must be borne by the school from other funds. If the school will not, or cannot do this, the project may be cancelled.

This £8.00 cost does not include ingredients for Food Technology lessons. Students will need to bring in ingredients for these lessons; however, an apron and tea towel will be provided for food technology lessons and be laundered by us, free of charge. A protective apron will also be provided free of charge for workshop lessons.

Thank you for your co-operation, this money will continue to allow your child to undertake exciting projects using a choice of sustainable materials.

Yours faithfully

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