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Dear Parents/Carers

In order to work most effectively in the Food Department, we will always give you a week's notice of the recipe for your child's practical lesson. Please check Arbor for recipes – a booklet for each term will also be given to students.

To help you, as parents/carers, to keep the costs down and the inconvenience to a minimum, I would like to request a one-off donation each year to cover the small items that recipes may require. Ingredients such as oil, herbs and spices, baking powder, greaseproof paper/cling film etc. can then be distributed to a class as necessary.

Please could we ask for the following donations:-

Years 7 and 8 - £4.50

Year 9 - £3.50

Year 10 - £5.50

Year 11 - £4.50 (this includes ALL ingredients for their GCSE exam NEA1 investigations)

Please pay online via Arbor. As the school receives a grant for students currently receiving free school meals, we do not require a contribution from these students as this can be funded from the grant.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Food teacher or myself at school if you have any queries. Many thanks for your support, I hope you enjoy the food your child will bring home.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Bowdler
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