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Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Ingredients contribution for the academic year 2025-26

Welcome back to the 2025-26 academic year. As we look forward to another successful year in food technology, I wish to highlight a few changes that will make parents/carers' lives a little bit easier. Following feedback, we have made a key change which will enable your son/daughter to always have all the ingredients for the practical lessons in food technology during academic year.

Previously, pupils have been asked to provide their own ingredients for practical lessons and bring them in for a set day. This has led to issues such as pupils forgetting ingredients, parents rushing out the night before (or even the morning of the lesson) to ensure their child could cook on the set date, or even parents having to drop ingredients off during the school day, as they have been left behind in the morning. Additionally, parents have also highlighted that some ingredients have been difficult to source or are not something they would usually buy.

To support pupils and parents, I propose that all ingredients for this year's practical dishes will be provided by school through a voluntary parental contribution of £15. This would address the issues stated above as well as:

Cost reduction – parents often bought more ingredients than was required

Waste reduction - parents would no longer need to buy full packs of produce to provide a small amount of an ingredient

Less stress on pupils and parents - not having to worry about providing ingredients when your child remembers the night before

No detentions issued for failure to bring ingredients.

Please note, if your child has specific dietary requirements, these too would be supported by the school with appropriate ingredients being provided.

This contribution will cover the cost of ingredients for six practical lessons and ensure that every pupil is able to fully participate in the full range of learning activities provided. If parents prefer to provide ingredients themselves, rather than contribute the £15, this is acceptable, and your child will be given a list of the required ingredients two weeks prior to their practical lesson.

We are hoping that this change will solve the issues highlighted above. However, if it is not successful, we may have to go back to asking pupils to bring ingredients in. We will let parents/ carers know if this is the case.

Please note - all pupils **MUST** bring a suitable container to take their dish home.

The 'food tech contribution' will be set up on Scopay; please do not send in cash.

Thank you for your continued support of the food technology department at Pensby High School.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A McCluskey

Head of Food Technology