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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you and thank you, as at the start of the academic year, we proposed a new system for managing food technology practical lessons. We asked that you pay a one off, per pupil contribution of £15 towards a fund, thus enabling the school to purchase ingredients required for food technology to be bought in bulk. We hoped that in doing so, we would help to make the process easier for you and save you money, reduce food waste, minimise lost learning time, reduce detentions, and in essence make things a little easier for you.

At this point in the year, it appears that the new way of working has been successful. Pupils seem much happier to arrive at their lesson without having to worry about their ingredients. As a consequence, engagement by pupils in their learning seems to be far greater and other than the occasional missing container to take their food home in, food technology practicals are running much more smoothly.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who provided the contribution, as it has meant that lessons have been a much more positive experience for all your children. The fact that we have as a community been able to buy in bulk, has meant that we can cover the cost of all the ingredients required to make six dishes per pupil, over the entire year. We have still maintained the offering of pupil choice through adaptive recipes and pupils' recipes are still reflective of their own personal tastes and dietary requirements, all whilst hopefully reducing the burden on you

We will now be looking to continue with this successful system for the upcoming academic year and for as long as we can continue with your support.

If you have not contributed to the fund for this academic year (as of yet) and would like to do so, then you can still pay on the school's Scopay system.

Thank you for your continued support and contribution toward the food technology department, clearly this community buying can only last for as long as we all work together, but by doing so all of our children are benefiting and seeing the power of community in action.

Yours faithfully

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