



27th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Food Technology/Cooking Lesson – payment contribution request

All of our children and young people really enjoy their Food Tech and Cooking lessons and we are lucky enough to have a fully equipped kitchen for everyone to use.

The school is not able to provide the cooking ingredients at no cost to families.

To enable us to continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for pupils to make, eat or take home meals and snacks that they make in school, we are asking for a contribution towards the cost of the ingredients of **£20.00 a term**. Your child will still be able to participate in the cooking sessions if you do not make these payments, but they will not be able to consume / take home their own meal or snack.

Year 3 – Year 13: If your child is free school meal eligible, then their ingredients will be paid for from the Pupil Premium fund which is received from the government.

Year R – Year 2: If you have had confirmation from Bexley Council or the School office that your child is 'income based' free school meal eligible then their ingredients will be paid for from the Pupil Premium fund which is received from the government. However if you have not had this confirmation, and your child receives a free meal under the 'universal free school meal' scheme then we would request the £20.00 payment.

Payments can be made via the Arbor parent portal/app under the 'Food tech payment' option.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to make this payment, then please do make contact with the Finance Officer. Any information shared in this way will be treated in confidence.

Yours faithfully

Woodside Academy