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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Design Technology experience we aim to provide at Thamesmead School is a very practical approach compared to many other subjects in the curriculum. The materials that we provide students with are not just paper and books; but include wood, metal, plastics, fabric, circuit boards and specialist design materials and a variety of fixings and adhesives. We also provide a well maintained array of tools, equipment and machinery to carry out all of this practical work. As a department we are very proud to be able to offer facilities and materials to enhance student's learning in the design and technology curriculum.

To help the school purchase the materials and maintain the equipment required to produce quality products, students have been asked for a contribution towards the materials and tools that they will use in Design Technology. This allows the projects to be more complex and the products produced to be of a higher quality, which will be taken home once they have been assessed. We would like to keep things as simple as possible by asking for a **£10** contribution at KS3 for this whole academic year. This request for payment has been given to every student in years 7 to 9 in the school and is common practice amongst Design Technology departments in schools across the country. The GCSE students are also asked to contribute when they have chosen their subjects.

Whilst we provide work aprons for the messier work, your child may find it beneficial to have their own workshop apron that they can bring in for Design Technology lessons. Aprons are provided in Food and Nutrition due to the school controlling and maintaining the high level of safety and hygiene in the food teaching rooms.

Students are expected to provide their own ingredients for their Food and Nutrition practical sessions. This is due to the potential wastage of ingredients that are not used and lack of storage for the quantity of ingredients used by several hundreds of students. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Their teachers will advise recipe ingredients in advance, when your child is taking this lesson.

Payments for the £10 DT materials contribution should be made online via the Tucasi system.

I thank you for your support and co-operation in advance.

Yours faithfully,

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