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Dear Families

## Contribution to KS3 Design & Technology

For many years, parents have contributed towards the cost of practical work in design & technology, either by providing materials themselves or by purchasing those provided by the school. This has enabled us to maintain a wide variety of work and allowed students to produce individual designs. It also serves to encourage students to take more care with their work and not waste materials. Therefore, they design and make products of good quality, using the best possible materials. We believe this helps our students to value their work and in our experience, almost without exception, parents wish to retain the products that their child has made.

Your child has now started their KS3 design & technology course. This course will involve considerable use of consumable materials and components in four specialist areas: resistant materials, system and control and textiles. In Food Technology, students are expected to bring in their own ingredients.

Rather than charge per item, per year, we prefer to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £20.00 to cover all 3 years at Key Stage 3. This works out to £2.22 per project and as you will see, over the three years your child will produce good quality projects. This price only covers the standard design of the product; there may be times when your child chooses to extend their design and include further components. If this is the case, then we will notify you of the cost in advance.

Payment of £20.00 can be made via the school online payment system by Friday 8 December 2023 please. Please look under the products section of the app.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we can use that to pay for the full cost of the materials. Please get in touch with Mrs Nibloe at [hnibloe@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hnibloe@sackvilleschool.org.uk) if you **do not** wish us to do this.

If you would like to discuss any matters regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ktreen@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:ktreen@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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