

September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school we believe Design and Technology is an important part of a child's education. Our Design and Technology course involves students making a range of products from a variety of materials. In line with practice at other schools we request contributions towards the cost of some of the materials and the components that students use during the course.

As you are aware, Coronavirus has had an effect on the way that practical lessons are able to safely run; that said, we are aiming to continue our usual broad range of practical skills and projects over the year. This has involved buying materials, new pieces of equipment, additional subject specific PPE and redesigning the Schemes of Work to fit safely in workshops.

In order to cover the cost of materials, basic components and make full use of our resources this year, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00**. Payments can be made via sQuid at portal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal/ (or via the link on the school's website) by **Friday 30th September 2022**.

If you have not previously used this facility or no longer have the account activation/login, please contact finance@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk for details. In exceptional circumstances, payments may be made by cash or cheque in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name, form group and FAO Design and Technology. January 2022

Students who attract Pupil Premium funding will be eligible for funding by the school. Please place your order via Squid and payment will not be required. If you are unsure if your son/daughter is eligible for funding, please contact the Finance office

Please be aware that under the 1988 Education Act, new regulations about parental contributions came into effect. Such contributions are now entirely voluntary, however schools are able to charge for the cost of materials if you wish your child to take their practical work home. If you are unable to make such a contribution or you do not wish to do so, your son/daughter may not be able to take home their finished work as we attempt to recycle materials as much as possible, but otherwise students will not be at a disadvantage.

If you have any further questions please contact us either by telephoning the school or by email at cosstick@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours Sincerely



Miss Cosstick