



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

As part of the Technology curriculum, your child will be starting the Food Technology rotation during the Autumn term. Each week, students will be required to bring ingredients from home to use during their practical lesson. A weeks' notice will be given for ingredients needed. We currently have implemented numerous ways that we let your child know about the ingredients they will need and when they will be cooking;

- your child's teacher will tell them verbally what they will be cooking and when
- an ingredients list will be handed out in class
- your child's teacher will also upload the details to Google Classroom
- a calendar notice board outside DT5 with recipes for the next two weeks

To avoid missing any of the practical sessions we have planned, please ensure your child has the necessary ingredients and equipment. The post-Covid legacy shows that students need to engage fully at all levels of their education, this is especially relevant to basic cooking and food preparation skills. To get the most from this Food Technology rotation it is important that they bring ingredients and follow the instructions during the lessons. Failure to participate in their practical twice will result in a B3 lunchtime detention. Persistent failure will escalate the sanctions.

Please provide the ingredients listed. There is no need to bring seasoning as the School has a good stock of salt, pepper etc. All pots, bags and containers should be labelled with your child's name. We have up to 88 students cooking in one day and fridge space is limited. Please separate fridge ingredients from items that do not need to be refrigerated, to save space. Items left in the fridges will be disposed of after a couple of days.

Please can you stress to your child the importance of taking the finished food home with them to share with the family. DT5 is open at 8.20am for students to drop off their ingredients and at 3.10pm for students to collect their finished product. There is no need to leave a lesson early to pick up food; there is plenty of time, even for those that travel by bus.

It is vital that students follow the School policy that nail varnish, false or acrylic nails are not to be worn, and long hair must be tied back.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. If there are any issues obtaining ingredients or equipment, we will be glad to support in any way we can.

Yours faithfully,

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