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SG/kw/DT consumables  
14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

**Re: Consumable Materials for Design and Technology**

Within the Design and Technology Department, pupils are encouraged to design and make a range of quality products from fabric, wood, metal, plastics and food ingredients. Whilst pupils are expected to provide their own materials in many schools, St Joseph's College operates an alternative system whereby pupils are asked to make a yearly contribution to the department and materials are provided for them.

I can assure you that the contributions made in the past have allowed a far greater range of activities to be possible.

The quantities of material needed to allow all the pupils to select from stocked items have been used to determine a contribution level per pupil and this year it will be £20, this may be paid by parent pay and will appear on the system as D&T contributions.

With the developments in the Design and Technology curriculum, the range of materials used will be extended into many new areas, particularly CAD/CAM and textiles.

We will be able to provide access to all the materials for these areas, to ensure that each pupil has equal opportunities to succeed.

By personally contributing towards the cost of materials, the pupils benefit in a number of ways:

- They develop a sense of ownership of their work, particularly as they will take it home when it is complete.
- They become aware of the cost of materials and the economics of bulk purchasing
- They take more care of the materials provided and tend to be less wasteful
- They are given access to a greater range of materials than would be possible without parental support

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I am aware that some parents may not be in a position to make a full contribution due to their circumstances. If this is the case, please send a confidential note to advise me.

Thank you for your continuing support

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Goodall', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Mr S Goodall  
**Subject Leader of Design and Technology**

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