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Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage 3 Design Technology – Parental contribution

Through a variety of practical activities, pupils at Church Stretton School are taught the knowledge, understanding, and skills needed to engage in an iterative process of designing and making.

Using creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts, considering their own and others' needs, wants, and values. They acquire a broad range of subject knowledge and draw on disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing, and art.

During their time in Key Stage 3, your child(ren) will be encouraged to select from and use specialist tools, materials, techniques, processes, equipment, and machinery, including computer-aided design and manufacture.

To help the Design Department offer your child(ren) new, exciting, and future-proof opportunities, we are asking for a small, voluntary contribution towards the materials and machinery used in practical lessons. We would be grateful if you could contribute a maximum of £5 for each year in Key Stage 3 (£15 in total). We understand that the cost of living has increased recently, so this contribution is entirely voluntary. This will be the only contribution requested during Key Stage 3. Payments can be made via ParentPay.

Please note that this payment does not cover the cost of the food ingredients required in Food Technology.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jennifer.butler2@csschool.co.uk.

Kind regards,

Mrs Butler
Head of Design Technology/Food Preparation and Nutrition