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Dear Parent/Carer,

Food and DT COVID update and Contribution

Design Technology and Food Preparation and Nutrition form an important part of the curriculum here at the Vale of York Academy. We are now in the position to re-open practical lessons with all the necessary COVID guidance in place. Students will be mainly working side by side and when facing each other will be 2m or more apart. Students will be collected and brought back to their bubbles for the lessons. Movement during lessons will be restricted to keep students and staff safe.

With that in mind I would like to highlight that staff will be restricted in helping students during the practical lessons. A high level of independence is required and only a limited amount of help can be given. We will post video clips of necessary skills needed during the food lesson on google classroom prior to the lesson. Please encourage your child to have an active discussion about the skills shown.

Practical lessons in both subject areas are compulsory in the Vale of York Academy curriculum offer. However current government cuts and funding have made it more difficult for subjects such as Design Technology. In order for us to provide an exciting and imaginative curriculum we would kindly ask you for a voluntary contribution of £6 which is to be paid on Parentpay to cover material costs at KS3 (DT, Textiles and Food). This is approximately 5p per lesson. This will cover a larger majority of the cost for the resources in DT and supplement small quantities of expensive ingredients, ingredients students have forgotten or miss-weighed in Food. Your support in the voluntary contribution would be very welcome.

In Food Preparation and Nutrition, we would kindly ask for your support in providing **an apron** and **ingredients** for the lessons. Recipes and ingredient lists are published on the school website, and reminders given at least one week in advance. However, it is very important that students take responsibility for resolving any problems with as much prior notice before the lesson. If ingredients cannot be brought in for any reason, we kindly request a note to explain the circumstances. We would also like to ask you to pre weigh ingredients as much as possible and label perishable foods with the child's name.

Could you please make payment using Parentpay and complete the relevant tick boxes to give consent where required.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself at m.zulkarnain@voy.hlt.academy

Thank you for your support

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You can find further information and photos of students' achievement on Twitter: [@food_valeofyorkfood](https://twitter.com/food_valeofyorkfood) [@dtvaleofyork](https://twitter.com/dtvaleofyork)

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