Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you will know we always try to give the children as many different experiences as possible here at Woodstone. One of those opportunities is to learn to cook 'proper' food with Mrs Clinch. In these sessions the children learn cookery skills e.g. how to chop vegetables correctly with a knife, how to mix ingredients, knead dough etc. We view these skills as vital life skills and an essential part of what we offer as a school.

Experience tells us that parents prefer us to get the ingredients rather than asking the children to bring them in each time and unfortunately, as I'm sure you're aware, school funding has been scaled right back over recent years and we are therefore unable to continue funding the cookery sessions as we have previously.

However, as I said earlier, we all know the value of these sessions and don't want to see them end. For this reason, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 which will pay for ingredients when your child has their session with Mrs Clinch. We hope you agree that this is good value for money but I do stress that there is no obligation to contribute and your child will not be penalised in any way should you decide not to make a contribution.

It continues to be a sad reflection of the times that we are now having to ask for money and it is not something we enjoy doing. However, if you are happy to make the contribution it should be done via SchoolMoney and if possible by Friday 4th October 2024.

Finally, please make sure that we have the most up to date information in school of your child's allergies or dietary requirements as they will be handling different foods during their cooking sessions and we want to keep them as safe as possible.

A huge thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Mullins
Headteacher