



# 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 Hickin. 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.

Prior to last year we were able to provide the ingredients for these sessions, taking the money from our school budget. (Experience tells us that parents prefer us to get the ingredients rather than asking the children to bring them in each time.) 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 Hickin. 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's a sad reflection of the times that we are now having to ask for money and it is not something I enjoy doing. However, if you are happy to make the contribution it should be done via SchoolMoney and if possible by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

A huge thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Mullins  
Headteacher