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Dear Parents/ Carers

We are writing to update you on an improvement to our approach on school equipment for the next academic year (beginning September 2023) and to ask for your support with this.

We are committed to ensuring that we support our learners to develop the independence and organisational skills needed for life in the wider world. To this end, we insist that students attend school with all the required equipment for learning so that they are not reliant on borrowing equipment throughout the school day. Every second counts in our classrooms and we want to ensure that students borrowing/requiring equipment is not a distraction from learning time.

To support with the above, we are pleased to inform you that **we will be providing each Coombe Dean School student with a pencil case and equipment** on their first day of school in September 2023. This is a gift from the school to your child(ren) which models to them the value we place on having the correct equipment for learning. The pencil case will contain the items listed below as 'essential' equipment (apart from a scientific calculator) as well as a rubber, highlighter, and pencil sharpener. Though the pencil case will not contain a scientific calculator, this is part of the essential school equipment.

The recommended scientific calculator is the Casio FX-83GT CW Black ClassWiz Scientific Calculator. There is a link below the images to purchase this calculator via our ParentPay School Shop at a reduced rate. If you purchase by 13th August 2023, these calculators will be ordered and distributed to students via their tutor groups, during the first week of term. Any orders placed after this time will need to be collected from the Finance offices in September. The school shop only operates during term time, and therefore orders cannot be collected during the summer holidays.

The ParentPay School Shop can also be used to purchase replacement items. The shop operates in term time only on a click and collect basis. You place the order online, and will receive an email from the Finance team when your order is ready to collect from the Finance offices in A Block.

Attached is a list of 'essential' and 'desirable' equipment with which students should attend school each day. The impetus is on students to monitor their equipment and source replacements if required. Tutors will help to support your child by checking students' equipment each morning to ensure that they are ready to learn for the day ahead so that we deliver high-quality, disruption free lessons for all our young people. ParentPay can also be used to purchase replacement items. As parents/ carers, your support in monitoring your child's equipment for learning regularly as the school year progresses is very much appreciated – there will undoubtedly be times when a 'top-up' is required, and additional items are needed.



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Furthermore, as of September **we will expect all students to attend school with a suitable school bag** to help them with their organisation and professional mindset to learning. The bag should contain their pencil case, equipment for learning and any other required materials (for example, books or a drinking bottle). Please see the images which support this letter of an appropriate bag for school. Students should consider an appropriate school bag as an essential part of their school uniform as of September 2023. Handbags are not considered an appropriate bag for students to bring to school.

If you have any concerns about the financial implications of the above (for example if your child qualifies for the pupil premium) then we would be pleased to support you with this. Please be in touch with our finance team via finance@coombedean.co.uk who will be happy to assist.

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WESTCOUNTRY

Coombe Dean School Equipment For Learning

Essential

- A school backpack containing your pencil case
- 2+ black/blue writing pens
- 2+ purple pens
- 2+ pencils
- A ruler
- A Casio scientific calculator



School backpack designed to be worn over the shoulders.



Pencil case suitable to contain all the essential equipment for learning.



Essential learning equipment for all students.

Below is a link to the specific Casio scientific calculator, required here at Coombe Dean. Our Maths department plan their curriculum around usage of this calculator from Year 7 onwards.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=650>

Desirable

- Highlighters of varied colour
 - A sharpener
 - A rubber
 - A protractor
 - A compass
- + multiple replacement items of all essential items.

