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Dear Parent,

Year 7 / 8 Cookery lessons

I am writing this letter to clear up the confusion that has been generated by the letter sent out last week. Please accept my apologies if it has concerned you.

Cookery is one of the subjects referred to colloquially at RGS as a 'circus' subject. This means that it is on a rotation; along with other subjects such as DT, Music and Classics. In Cookery the pupils see me for a term of twelve weeks at some point in their first year at RGS. (They have the same allocation in Year 8). So if your son is not receiving Cookery lessons this term please rest assured that he will see me in either the spring or summer term.

We ask that you pay towards the cost of his ingredients in the term that your son is cooking. This way we avoid the concerns that new parents might have about the ParentPay button being a mistake, and avoid a fair amount of admin time explaining why you are asked to contribute. It is also easier to follow up those people who cannot afford to pay for ingredients in order to make other arrangements.

Unfortunately this term the request for payment was sent out to everyone in Years 7 and 8 which has caused a fair number of parents to enquire, quite rightly, when their son will cook.

Please accept my apologies for any confusion caused. You will only find the ParentPay button on your account if your son is cooking this term.

Yours sincerely,

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