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Dear Parent/Carers,

**Re: Calculators in Mathematics Lessons**

I am writing to advise you that as part of the Key Stage 3 Mathematics Curriculum your son/daughter must use a calculator for some calculations. We feel that it would be beneficial for them to have their own, so they become familiar and confident in its operation. A calculator is also part of the essential equipment list for school and as such the equipment policy will be followed.

The calculator we recommend is a scientific one, the NEW Casio SOLAR FX-85GT-CW ClassWizz Scientific Calculator as this has been approved by GCSE exam boards for use in GCSE exams and this would also be acceptable at high school. Pupils must have a scientific calculator for Maths to be able to complete the KS3 curriculum. These calculators can be bought from most high street stationary retailers, alternatively, you can place an order via the **school's online payment system for £10.25**. Tesco sells the calculator for £17 or Amazon for £11 if you prefer to purchase the calculator externally.

Pupils will need to have their name clearly marked on the calculator with a permanent marker pen. If they take care of it, we would expect the calculator to last them right through until they have taken their GCSE's.

If you wish to place an order for one of these calculators, please make your payment of £10.25 via the school's Parentpay system by **Friday 20th September**. School will then order the calculators, and these will be given to your child once they have arrived in school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E Charlesworth  
Head of Maths

