



# SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Calculators in Mathematics lessons

At Scissett Middle School, we have clear expectations of the required equipment that pupils should have with them during lessons in order to support their learning. Due to the nature of the Mathematics curriculum at KS3, our Year 7 and 8 pupils will need a scientific calculator to support them in answering questions, including those involving: fractions, use of brackets, powers and roots and standard form. As pupils progress to KS4, the need for a scientific calculator becomes more necessary as key parts of the GCSE examination are based on its use. Pupils will sit calculator papers in Year 11 and we want to ensure our pupils are confident and familiar with how to use the functions on their calculators.

The calculator we recommend is the Casio SOLAR FX-85GT-CW ClassWiz Scientific Calculator; this has been approved by GCSE exam boards for use in GCSE exams. These calculators are widely available to purchase in shops and online, alternatively, you can place an order through school at a cost of £10.50.

Pupils will need to have their name clearly marked on the calculator; if they take care of it, the calculator should last them through to Year 11.

**If you wish to place an order for one of these calculators, please make your payment of £10.50 via ParentPay by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

We will then order the calculators; these will be given to your child once they have arrived in school.

Yours sincerely,

*N Robinson*

Mrs N Robinson  
Strategic Lead of Maths

