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Dear Families,

Year 8 mini whiteboard scheme

We want all our students to be fully equipped to be successful at Farmor's School. We find that sometimes children come to school with very little in their pencil cases, and sometimes they have so much it can be distracting or hard for them to find what they need.

We expect all students to bring with them each day a pencil case with the following items inside:

- black pen;
- pencil;
- rubber;
- ruler;
- maths protractor;
- maths compass; and
- maths calculator if they have maths that day.

We would also like all our students in Year 8 to have a mini whiteboard and a whiteboard pen. Mini whiteboards are an important teaching tool for us, and we use them in most of our lessons. They are a great way for teachers to see who has understood the work, we use them to practice writing and as a pre-discussion activity.

To support this, in the week beginning 22nd April, we will issue each Year 8 student with a mini whiteboard, a pen and a folder to keep it in. We are not providing rubbers, but I suggest students bring a small cloth to rub out their work. We are asking for a voluntary contribution (through Parent Pay) of **£1.30** towards the cost of the mini whiteboard. This is significantly cheaper than buying this equipment in the shops.

At the start of each day, your child's tutor will check that your child has all the equipment needed for the day. If they do not, they will be given a pen **as a loan** and they will be asked to buy any missing equipment from our Equipment Shop. This is run by our finance team at break and lunchtime. Students will pay for any equipment using the Stationery payment item on parent pay. We suggest preloading this with £3-£5 to cover any replacements throughout the year. Students can bring new equipment from home.

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We are also selling calculators for £10.75. These calculators are the ones recommended by our Maths Department for students in years 7-9. These can also be purchased on Parent Pay. If you need help accessing Parent Pay, please contact: Finance@FARMORS.GLOUCS.SCH.UK

In addition, we want all our students at Farmor's School to develop into confident and enthusiastic readers. We ask that your child has a reading book with them each day. We have a well-stocked Library at the heart of our school where students can choose books at breaktime or lunchtime, or they may bring books from home.

Yours sincerely,

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