DOWNLANDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Booking Now Open – Downlands Christmas Lunch 10th December 2026

We are delighted to let you know that bookings are now open for the ever-popular Downlands Christmas Lunch, which will be served in the canteen on 10 December. To ensure your child receives a Christmas meal, please see the details below requiring your action. Bookings will close at 3pm on 23 November.

Booking and Payment

- Payment is required in advance via SCOPAY www.scopay.com/login. Please log in, go to **Trips**, and make payment to *"Christmas Lunch 10/12/26."*
- Please do not add the payment to your child's canteen account as this will not be counted as a booking.
- The cost is £4.99 and this includes main meal, dessert, and a festive cracker.
- Booking closes at 3pm 23 November. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late payments.

Free School Meals (FSM) - if your child receives FSMs and would like the Christmas lunch:

- Complete the survey by 3pm on 23 November to ensure your child receives a Christmas meal.
- Survey: Christmas Lunch - FSM - 10th December 2026 – Fill in form
- When doing so, please confirm if your child would like the **turkey** or **vegetarian/vegan** option.
- If you are able to pay for the meal via SCOPAY please do, as the FSM allowance does not cover the cost of the lunch.

Vegetarian/Vegan requests - if your child would like the vegetarian/vegan meal:

- Make payment on SCOPAY by 3pm on 23 November.
- Complete the survey by 3pm 23 November to ensure your child receives a vegan/vegetarian meal.
- Survey: Christmas Lunch - Vegan/Vegetarian Confirmation - 10th December 2026 – Fill in form
- **Only students that present their green ticket to the canteen staff will receive a vegan/vegetarian meal.**

Menu

- **Main**: Roast turkey with sausage in bacon, roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots, peas, and parsnips.
- **Dessert**: Brownie or Christmas pudding.
- **Vegetarian/Vegan option**: Vegan cheese and vegetable parcel.

Tickets

- Every student who has prepaid will receive a ticket in tutor time on 9/10 December.
- Please remind your child to keep this ticket safe – they will need it to receive their lunch.
- Student requests received via the survey for Vegetarian/Vegan meal, will receive a green ticket.

Not Having Christmas Lunch?
A limited number of choices of cold food will be available to purchase in one of the food pods (not the canteen) at lunchtime. Cold food will also be available in the canteen and pods at break time as usual for all students.

We hope as many students as possible will join us for this festive meal – it's always a highlight of the school year!

Yours faithfully

Mr M Ashdown
Headteacher