



# The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Christmas Lunch & Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

The time of year has come when we offer the children a Christmas meal. **As we did last year we would like you to OPT IN via ParentPay, if your child would like to have the school Christmas lunch. Over the last few years by asking Parents/Carers to login to ParentPay and OPT IN we have been able to reduce food waste considerably.** Reduction of food waste is as you know one of the items that the Gordonbrock Eco Team have made a priority for this year.

All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** receive a Universal Free School Meal and therefore if your child wishes to have the Christmas Meal the payment for the meal is made by the Local Authority. **However we still require you to login to your ParentPay account and OPT IN for your child. This will appear as a separate item on ParentPay - UIFSM 2021 Christmas Lunch for Reception and Years 1 and 2.**

All children in **Full Time Nursery and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** are required to **pay £2.30** if they wish to have the Christmas meal. **Therefore if your child would like to have the festive lunch then please login to ParentPay to OPT IN and make a payment of £2.30.** If you have already paid lunch money for this half term you still need to make a separate payment, please rest assured that money already in your account will remain as a credit until Spring Term and deducted only when a school lunch is consumed. **The ParentPay item is Topaz 2 and KS2 2021 Christmas Lunch.**

If your child is in receipt of **Free School Meals**, a free lunch will be provided for your child should they wish to have the Christmas Meal. **Please login to ParentPay and OPT IN. The ParentPay item is FSM 2021 Christmas Lunch.**

**Please login to ParentPay by midday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December and OPT IN if your child would like to have the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

**Please note that the item will be removed from ParentPay at midday and numbers will be finalised with the kitchen and no further additions will be made after this time.** If you **do not opt in via ParentPay** by midday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December **we will assume that your child does not wish to have the school Christmas lunch.**

**Therefore on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 you will be required to provide your child with a home packed lunch. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account please contact the school office for assistance.**



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In keeping with Gordonbrock tradition, we will again, be supporting **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** on the same day as our Christmas lunch.

We therefore invite all children and staff to wear their favourite festive jumper on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and donate** to help transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world. Save the Children make sure children are kept safe, healthy and learning, and change the future for good.

There's no need to buy a new jumper, why not turn an old sweater into a sparkly new creation.

**This year, as we did for Children in Need, we are asking if you could donate via our Save the Children JustGiving Page. Please click on the following link.**

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd210002135>

Any donation given can be the difference between a hot meal or no meal for a child. It can also help bring essential healthcare, education, protection and food to millions of children. Together, lets help get the basics children in the UK and around the world need to laugh, play and see the magic all around them again!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane Wright'.

Jane Wright,  
Head of School.



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