

**Head**

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Think for yourself, act for others

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Cheney Open Kitchen

Whilst Christmas is a time for celebration, joy and giving, we recognise that it may not be a time filled with happiness for everyone. Members of our sixth form student and staff community have organised for the school to open up its kitchen and canteen on two dates over the festive season for our whole school and wider community to come together. Particularly those who may be struggling financially, are alone or just facing a tough time. Our aim is to come together as a community to share the festive spirit and the season of giving.

The dates are **27 December and 3 January** from 5-7pm. The school will be providing two main meals, one of which will be a vegetarian option and there will be sweet treats for after.

To make sure the events are as successful as possible we are asking for support from our school community, if you feel able to. The kind of support we need includes:

- additional main meals we can serve
- donations of sweet treats including cakes, biscuits and puddings
- small wrapped gifts for children - with a label advising of a relevant age range of the gift
- warm clothing for those who might need it, especially for children
- games for children and families to play during the evening
- volunteers to serve food and drink and help to host our visitors

If you would like to offer your time to support one of the events, please complete [this questionnaire](#) to give us an idea of who will be attending.

If you have any gifts or donations you would like to offer, you are welcome to bring them to the main reception or leave in the donations box at the attendance office before the end of the school year (Wednesday 19 December) or bring it along on one of the Open Kitchen evenings. All donations are greatly received, and anything we don't use at our Open Kitchen will be taken to the local food bank in the new year.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14 December to raise money for the Open Kitchen event - students are asked to bring £1. This is also National Christmas Jumper day - students can wear their best festive knits if they would like to!

Everyone is invited to come to our Open Kitchen, have some food, meet other people and support each other as part of the community. Please get involved, invite your friends and family and pass this message on to the wider community including food banks, charities supporting the elderly or homeless and others in need.

Kind Regards

Feba Y12 student and Cheney Staff

