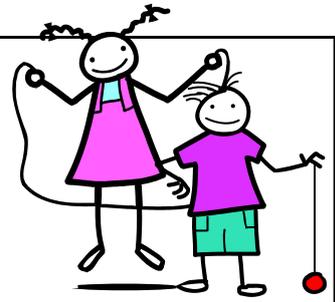


# Downsend+

## October, Christmas & February 2017/2018



Welcome to our October Half Term, Christmas & February Half term 2017/2018 holiday programmes for children from Reception to Year 8. We are happy to welcome non-Downsend children to our scheme, so why not bring a friend with you to join in with our activities?

### Downsend+ Days Include:

- Non-stop activities from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm on most weekdays during the school holidays (except Bank Holidays):
- Access to the ICT Suite for activities and games
- Art & Craft activities with seasonal themes
- Use of our sports hall, Astroturf and fields for sports/games sessions
- Swimming twice, most days, in our 25m heated indoor swimming pool
- Food/textiles suite for cooking and sewing
- Opportunity to play board games, Xbox and Wii games together with a variety of free play options
- Table tennis, trampolines, go-karts (weather dependent) plus quiet areas for reading and relaxing with friends
- Children are welcome to bring in their bikes and scooters **but they must have a helmet** - we ask that children do not wear heelies
- All children attending any Downsend+ day or course should wear old clothing, as it may get dirty or stained
- We request that children **do not** bring mobile phones, electronic devices etc to Downsend+

### Downsend+ Courses - You only pay for the course price or Downsend+ price - not both.

With a huge variety of choice, the scheme gives pupils access to exciting and absorbing workshops, courses and master classes by professional coaches and thrilling days out they perhaps would not otherwise have tried. We hope they will make new friends, gain new skills in a relaxed and safe environment and be inspired to achieve more than they thought possible. Our main aim, however, is that they have LOTS OF FUN!

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

All courses are individually priced and are the FULL cost for the duration of the course - no additional charges apply.

Drop off time for all morning sessions is 9.00 am, lunch is at 12.00 noon and the children will be ready for collection at 1.00 pm. However, drop off time for all off-site morning courses is 8.45 - 8.50 am to enable the minibuses to leave by 9.00am. Drop off time for all afternoon sessions is 12.00 noon when the children will have lunch, ready to start their course at 1.00 pm. Collection for afternoon courses will be at 4.00 pm. Please note some courses have later collection times.

### Food

Morning and afternoon snacks are provided together with a choice of lunch options for any Downsend+ morning only session, Downsend+ day or course.

### Extended Day

For working parents Extended Day care is provided by our early start and tea clubs providing childcare from 8.00 am - 5.30 pm during the holidays (at an extra charge). Children booking a late finish will be given tea.

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### **Alice Holt Cycling - Age 6**

Visit Alice Holt for our exciting cycling courses - cycling safely away from roads under the instruction of professional instructors, all abilities are welcome with more challenging routes for the more able. Packed lunch and snacks are provided. **Please note that all bikes and helmets will be provided by the cycling centre.**

### **Ballet - Age 5 - 8 years**

For all those children who just love to dance, come along for a fun filled and creative time with JH Ballet. Eleanor Coley will be running these dance workshops where there will be plenty of fun games, arts and crafts and the chance to wow your friends and family with a fantastic dance routine!

### **Bike Ability - Year 5+**

Bike Ability is a cycle training scheme designed to give children the skills and confidence they need both to cycle safely on the roads and to encourage them to carry on cycling into adulthood. Through exciting sessions, qualified NSI coaches will develop skills handling, road awareness and confidence in a realistic, safe and fun learning environment.

### **Birdworld - All ages**

Children can enjoy a great day at Birdworld's beautiful parkland, daily treats including penguin feeding, a tropical aquarium, flying displays and animal handling. Snacks and a packed lunch will be provided.

### **Chess Challenge - Age 7+**

All abilities are welcome as we look to develop children's knowledge of the game. Everyone will get to play a match during the session. So, whether this is your first experience of chess or you've been playing a few years, join us and develop your skills.

### **Chessington Zoo & Sea Life Centre - All ages**

The theme park may be closed but the Zoo and Sea Life Centre is still open, so spend a day with the animals. Snacks and packed lunch provided.

### **Chocolate Making - Age 4 - 6 & Age 7+**

Sara Chapman Chocolates will be back to run both of our Christmas and Valentines chocolate making courses and each child will be making hand made individual chocolates to take home.

### **Christmas Card & Soap Making - All ages**

Everyone loves a handmade gift! A festive craft workshop including card-making, soap making, and beautiful handmade Christmas decorations to take home.

### **Christmas Craft - All ages**

Come and spend the morning making a candle decoration for a spectacular centre piece for the Christmas table.

### **Christmas Paint a Plate - All ages**

Paint and personalise a plate, bowl or mug for a very special Christmas present. The items will be ready to collect from school from Thursday 21 December PM onwards.

### **Christmas Pudding - All ages**

This Christmas Pudding course was great fun and by all accounts tasted fantastic on Christmas Day last year. We are offering the course on two separate occasions this October.

### **Clay Pumpkin Making - All ages**

Working with air drying clay, children will make a pumpkin shaped tea light holder which they will be able to paint and decorate at the end of the week, ready to pop in a candle in time for Halloween.

### **Cooking - Christmas & Valentines - All ages**

Fun in our Food technology room cooking tasty treats for the whole family.

### **Creepy Cooking - All ages**

A chance to create some tasty treats or Halloween.

### **Dry Slope Skiing - Age 8+**

These skiing courses are for all abilities under the instruction of qualified coaches on the dry ski slopes at Sandown.

### **Fencing - Age 6 - 8 and Age 9+**

Cobham Fencing Club run sessions suitable for all abilities and age groups. Plastic swords will be provided for our younger children and beginners and foils for the more able and older children to try this sport which is excellent for hand eye co ordination.

### **Football Skills - Age 6+**

This football skills course is designed to be a fun way for children to improve their existing skills in passing, dribbling and shooting through a variety of drills.

### **Go Ape Junior - Age 6 +**

Chessington's Tree Top Junior is aimed at adventurers aged 6+ years. The safety systems are designed so that participants stay attached the whole time they are in the trees and there is no need for them to move any safety lines. A fun filled time of canopy exploring, trail blazing and obstacles for all to enjoy. You'll negotiate crossings and finish on a high (literally) with an awesome zip wire! **Please note:** minimum height 1 metre for this course.

### **Go - Karting - Age 8+**

If you fancy an afternoon whizzing around a circuit in a Go Kart, this is the course for you. Race your friends to finish in the fastest time.

### **Golf - Age 7+**

The Drift Golf Club will be the venue for the golf lessons and will cover all aspects of the golf game, including putting, pitching, chipping, bunkers, full swing driving and on course play. Golf clubs will be provided.

### **Gymkhana Day - Age 7+**

The children will muck out the stables, then groom and tack up their ponies before a morning ride, then back to school for a hot lunch. In the afternoon there will be a fun gymkhana with rosettes. This course will be open to all abilities of riders.

**Please note:** Long trousers and appropriate footwear (wellington/riding boots) must be worn.

### **Halloween Craft - All ages**

A fun morning making a variety of witches, ghosts and mummies to decorate the house for Halloween.

### **Horse Riding - Age 6+**

The children will have fun grooming and tacking up the horses, together with riding tuition in the indoor equestrian centre or outside in the surrounding countryside. This course will be open to all abilities of riders.

**Please note:** Long trousers and appropriate footwear (wellington/riding boots) must be worn.

### **Jewellery Making - All ages**

Come and make your own jewellery to take home - from designing and making bead bracelets, to creating your own charms to add to bracelets, necklaces or even your bag! Fun and creative.

### **Mini Crickets - Reception - Age 5 and Age 6 - 8**

Mini Crickets is a specialist cricket coaching company run by ex Surrey County Cricket Club squad coach Jon Albert and his team of experienced qualified coaches. Mini Crickets is working in partnership with [Downsend+](#) offering fun filled cricket sessions designed to teach the basics of fielding, batting and bowling whilst in a safe and nurturing environment. Children thoroughly enjoy learning about 'Crickety' and his many sporting and worldly experiences, where, as the basics are developed, skills become more advanced, matches more challenging and sessions geared to introducing nets and hard ball cricket.

### **Mini Ringos & Sledging - Age 6+**

Excitement of the downhill variety at Sandown. Sliding downhill in mini inflatable doughnuts and sledges.

### **Mountain Biking Skills - Age 7+**

Following on from our Mini Cyclist course Our Mountain Bike Skills course will be run by our Alice Holt instructors and will progress on to look at more technical skills - looking at manual and wheel lifts for tackling obstacles found on the trail, dealing with tricky trail features such as rocks and roots, assured cornering and maintaining speed into corners, how to tackle drops in the trail and flying drop offs for extra style points and introduce flow into their riding. Based at school. Please provide own bike and helmet.

### **Mother's Day Surprise - All ages**

Creating the perfect gift for Mum. More info available on request !!

### **Off Road Cycling - Age 8+**

Our Alice Holt Cycling instructors will be running these courses, some mountain bike skills such as balance, corners, technical terrain and looking at drops/jumps.

### **Pirate Island Crazy Golf - Age 6+**

Pirate Island Adventure Golf is unlike any other crazy golf or mini golf course you have ever played. Spectacularly themed and festooned with obstacles including a huge pirate ship, streams, rafts, snakes and crocodiles this 18 hole putting adventure offers a proper challenge for young scallywags to old seadogs!

### **Pizza - All ages**

Come and make a family sized pizza with your choice of toppings - so no need for a takeaway tonight!

### **Pumpkin Picking - All ages**

We are off to Garson's Farm to scour the fields for the best pumpkins. **Please note:** You will need wellies for this course!

### **Sayers Croft - Age 7+**

Join us for this outdoor activity day which will include bouldering, ropes and caving. Drinks, snacks and packed lunches are provided.

**Please note:** this is an outdoor centre so please bring waterproofs.

### **Scuba Diving - DSD I/ DSD II - Age 8+**

The DSD I course is designed to introduce the children to scuba diving safety procedures before getting into the water and diving! This session is designed to be very relaxed and fun, an ideal introduction to scuba diving. DSD II Programme will expand upon knowledge and experience gained on the first course, the children will cover diving theory refresher - setting up diving equipment, basic dive skills including regulator clearing, regulator recovery, mask clearing and octopus breathing, together with an introduction to buoyancy control. During the second session the children will continue with buoyancy control covering fin pivots, hovering and buoyancy games. Finishing with underwater photography; setting up the underwater camera, how it operates and taking photos.

### **Yoga - All ages**

Yoga for children uses traditional poses alongside games, story telling and music to create a fun class. We will be twisting, balancing, forward and backward bending and lots more to support growing bodies, increasing concentration and relaxation skills.

# Terms and Conditions



## Cancellation or Alteration

If you have to cancel or alter your booking for a Downsend+ day or a course at short notice (less than 7 days beforehand), we will usually be happy to transfer your booking to another day if space permits, but if not you will be charged the full rate for the session booked. In exceptional circumstances charges may be waived at the discretion of the Leaders of Downsend+.

## Public Liability Insurance

Whilst they are taking part in activities on site or travelling in our minibus, the children are covered by our public liability insurance. Whilst under the supervision of outside tutors at off-site facilities, the children are covered by separate public liability insurances held by the various tutors, copies of which are held on file by Downsend+.

## First Aid

Several of our staff are qualified first-aiders and are trained to administer first aid assistance should your child require it. The emergency services will be called if further assistance is needed. Parents should ensure that any special requirements or allergies are notified on the medical section of the application form to ensure that appropriate treatment is given when treating their child.

## Medical Conditions and Treatments

Please note that it is a legal requirement under OFSTED guidelines for parents to leave clear, written guidelines and instructions for use with any medicines/inhalers or allergy treatments on arrival each day. Parents are also required to sign for the receipt of medicines on departure and to sign to acknowledge any treatments administered during the day. This also applies to First Aid treatments.

## Data Protection

The school (through the Head, as the person responsible) may, in accordance with the Provisions of the **Data Protection Act 1998** obtain, process and hold personal information about your child, including sensitive information such as medical details, in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child. The school may contact you from time to time for the purpose of providing information about Downsend+ and its activities. Unless we are informed in writing otherwise, all correspondence, including booking confirmation & invoice, will be sent to the email address provided on the contact form.

## Minibuses and Off-Site Trips

In signing up your child for an off-site trip, please be aware that you are authorising Downsend+ staff to take them off the Downsend premises. All transport used for such trips will be fully fitted with seat belts.

## Timetable Changes

In the event of poor weather, or other factors which may arise which are beyond our reasonable control, the programmes may be subject to alteration or rearrangement. We reserve the right to cancel courses which are under-subscribed, and will notify parents as soon as possible of any such cancellations or significant amendments.

## Transfer from Courses to Downsend+ Day

If a child decides to transfer from a course to the Downsend+ day, you will still be charged the full rate for the course. The difference between the cost of the course and the cost of the Downsend+ day will show as a cancellation charge on your invoice.

## Photography

During the activity scheme, some photographs may be taken which may be used in future publications including our website, and social media sites including Facebook and Twitter. If you do NOT wish your child's image to be used in this way, please let us know. Please note that full names will not be used in any publicity adjacent to photographs of children.

## Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

Drop off in the morning is at 9.00 am at the Turret entrance. An Early Start option is available from 8.00 am, but this must be booked in advance so that proper staffing can be arranged. If you are unable to collect your child/children yourself, please let the Downsend+ staff know who will be collecting them, for security reasons. Your child may be collected at any time up until 5.30 pm, but if collection is after 5.30pm, for any reason, an automatic charge of £20.00 will be made. If your plans change during the day, please contact Downsend+ on 07909 861280 to advise us of alternative arrangements for collection. Collection will be at 1.00 pm after a morning session or course, or at 4.00 pm. There is an additional charge for the late session from 4.00-5.30 pm, should parents require it, but this must be booked in advance so that proper staffing can be arranged. If for some reason you need to collect your child/children at any other time, please contact the Downsend+ direct line shown below to let staff know when you will arrive. The school is a secure site during the activity scheme, so all external doors and gates will be locked except at the normal drop-off and collection times shown above.

## Early Drop-Off and Late Collection Charge

Please note morning registration is at 9.00 am unless your child is booked in for early start. If you sign your child in before 8.45 am you will be charged the early start rate in full. Likewise collection at the end of the day is at 4.00 pm. If you collect your child after 4.15 pm, the late collection charge will be levied although we will provide your child with tea. **A late collection charge will be made when children are collected after the time booked or after 5.30pm.**

## Exclusion

We reserve the right to exclude or refuse any child prior to or during the holiday if in our opinion the presence of that child is incompatible with the wellbeing of others on the scheme. Bullying and poor behaviour will be dealt with appropriately as soon as it is reported. Any additional cost incurred by Downsend+ as a result of any exclusion or refusal, including damage or transport home, will be borne by parents or guardians and no refund will be made.

## Complaint Procedure

Downsend+ will do everything in its power to provide the best possible standard of care and service at all times. If however you are not satisfied with the service that you or your child have received, please contact the Leader of Downsend+, Rebecca Peek, on the Downsend+ direct line 01372 385403/07909 861280.