

Holiday Activities and Food Programme - Winter 2021



HOLIDAYS
TOGETHER

Background

- School holidays can be particular pressure points for some families because of increased costs (such as food and childcare) and reduced incomes. For some children, this can lead to a holiday experience gap, with children from disadvantaged families less likely to access organised out-of-school activities; more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health; and more likely to experience social isolation.
- Free holiday clubs are a response to this issue and evidence suggests that such schemes can have a positive impact on children and young people and that they work best when they provide consistent and easily accessible enrichment activities, for more than just breakfast or lunch, and when they involve children (and parents) in food preparation.
- Leicestershire County Council has received grant funding from the DfE to co-ordinate the provision of the programme locally.

HAF model aims to support high quality provision coordinated across a local area

Local coordinator objectives



MAP
PROVISION



AWARD
FUNDING



SUPPORT
PROVIDERS



PROMOTE
PROVISION



WORK WITH
OTHERS



DEVELOP
SUSTAINABLE
APPROACHES

We want children attending clubs to:

- Eat more healthily
- Be more active
- Take part in engaging and enriching activities
- Be safe and not isolated
- Have greater knowledge of health and nutrition
- Be more engaged with school and other services
- Have greater knowledge and awareness of holiday club provision

HAF minimum standards aim to support high quality provision



Healthy food



Enriching activities



Physical activities



Nutritional education



Policies and procedures

And a few other requirements:

- Inclusive and accessible provision (e.g. SEND and rural children)
- Provision offered to all FSM children in the local authority
- At least 4 hours for 4 days a week. For 4 weeks in the summer, and for a week in Easter and Christmas (hours can be compressed or extended to support inclusion of children with SEND/additional needs).

Winter HAF

- Grant round now open – deadline is 22nd October
- Face to face delivery and minimum of 4 hours x 4 days offer is still the preference
- Some flexibility on how you deliver the 16 hours
- 20th – 23rd Dec delivery suggested but can be flexible on dates during the holiday to meet needs of your target families
- Expectation for winter is that hot food offer will be offered

Updated Winter HAF Guidance from DfE

We expect face-to-face provision to remain a central element of the HAF programme at Christmas, and in the first instance we would encourage you to offer four days of face-to-face holiday clubs where that is possible.

If you are unable to deliver 4 days of face-to-face provision across your settings, an alternative approach, meeting our minimum expectation of how your provision might be delivered is:

- Two days of face-to-face provision - Our expectation is that all children taking part in HAF this Christmas should receive a minimum of two days of face-to-face provision.
- This could be similar to the HAF provision delivered at Easter and in the summer.
- It could also be, for example, a Christmas fayre where children and their families are invited along to take part in activities together, prepare a festive meal together and socialise. At these events, we expect that those attending should eat high quality, healthy food and take part in some fun activities.
- It could also involve a day trip, day out or a cultural enrichment experience, providing that this includes a healthy meal as well as an element of physical activity, for example, a walk.

Alongside this, we would expect that children who attend the above face-to-face provision also receive the equivalent of a **minimum** of two further days of support in the form of **high-quality food hampers and activity packs**.

Funding available - face to face clubs

Standard rate for children eligible for benefits related free school meals:

- £13 per place/per day (inclusive of £3.00 for food) = £52.00 per place/ per 4 day week.

Higher rate for children eligible for benefits related free school meals with SEND/additional needs requiring additional staffing support or resources to engage in provision:

- £40 per place/per day (inclusive of £3.00 for food) = £160 per place/ per 4 day week

We would expect providers to request the higher rate of funding only when they have identified children requiring extra adult help and/or specialist equipment have booked a place at their provision.

Capital - Funding may also be available for reasonable capital expenditure

Provider Support

Successful providers will be invited to attend **workshops** to support your provision to meet the required HAF standards

- Healthy food and physical activity
- Safeguarding
- Inclusion
- Enriching activities (pre-recorded session)

You will also have access to an **online resource hub** containing lots of useful information and resources, activity ideas and links, relating to all HAF standards

Further **post application support** is available through the HAF team

Monitoring and evaluation

Quality assurance and compliance

- The Leicestershire HAF co-ordination team may undertake onsite Quality Assurance and Compliance visits and calls. Providers will also be asked to share good news stories and capture feedback from children attending their provision. It is expected that providers will engage with these processes.
- As a condition of the grant providers will be expected to submit the required monitoring and evaluation to Leicestershire County Council, within agreed deadlines as set out by the Department for Education.

Monitoring and evaluation

- Prior to programme delivery commencing, providers will be expected to submit details including first name, surname, data of birth and school attended of all children booking a HAF funded place to the Leicestershire HAF co-ordination team, using the agreed template. This information will be used to confirm eligibility for a funded place.
- At the end of the programme further information and attendance data must be returned, using the agreed template.

Key dates and deadlines for the application process are set out in the table

Milestones	Dates
Application round opens	27 th Sept 2021
Pre-application Q and A session	29 th Sept 2021
Application round closes	22 nd Oct 2021
Rolling assessment of applications starts	w/c 11 th Oct 2021
Due diligence checks start	w/c 11 th 2021
Grant decisions/agreements sent out	w/c 25 th Oct 2021
Signed grant agreements return deadline	5 th Nov 2021
First payments disbursed	w/c 8 th Nov 2021
Provider Support Workshops	1 st – 12 th Nov 2021
Quality Assurance visits to providers	20 th – 23 rd Dec 2021
Monitoring/evaluation forms return deadline	7 th Jan 2022
Second payments disbursed	w/c 10 th Jan 2022
2021 Celebration/Lessons Learned event	January 2022 (TBC)

Any
questions?

