



Rationale for HAF

The school holidays can be pressure points for some families. Children from low income households are:

- Less likely to access organised out-of-school activities
- More likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health
- More likely to experience social isolation

Aims of the HAF Programme:

- Receiving healthy and nutritious meals
- maintaining a healthy level of physical activity
- Being happy, having fun and meeting new friends
- Developing a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health related issues
- Taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development and well-being
- Feeling safe and secure
- Getting access to the right support services
- Returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn



Who is the Programme for?

HAF funding is primarily for children in receipt of benefits related free school meals, aged 4-16.

Schools can also utilise an additional 15% allocation for those not in receipt of BRFSMs, who they believe would benefit from the programme.



When is the Programme running?

The equivalent of 6 weeks of HAF provision during the Spring, Summer and Winter School Holidays.

- Spring HAF – Minimum of 1 week
 - Summer HAF – Minimum of 4 weeks
 - Winter HAF – Minimum of 1 week
- (Eligible families receive 4 credits for each week)

Summer HAF:

Summer HAF dates: 28th July- 30th August

Types of activity on offer:

- Multi-sports
- Arts and crafts
- Football
- Tennis
- Outdoor pursuits
- Martial Arts (non-contact)
- Lifestyle workshops
- Performing arts
- Fencing
- Dance



The screenshot shows an email from HolidayActivities. At the top is the HolidayActivities logo, which consists of a green circle with a white smiley face and the text 'HolidayActivities'. Below the logo, the email is addressed to 'Hi parent first name 1 parent last name 1'. The body of the email contains the following text: 'You have been issued a HolidayActivities voucher from CSV DEMO TEST for first name 1 last name 1. Click [here](#) to claim your voucher. This voucher will allow you to book your child onto free activities funded by the DfE in partnership with your Local Authority. A free meal will also be provided as part of the provision. For more information on the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme please contact your local authority. Once you have claimed your voucher, you'll be able to explore the range of activities and book a space for first name 1 last name 1. Keep in mind that activities operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't hesitate—click now to book today.' There is a green button labeled 'View voucher' and a link to 'here' for further guidance. The email ends with 'Kind regards HolidayActivities'. At the bottom, there is a note about troubleshooting the 'View voucher' button and a link to the support page, along with a 'Need some help?' section and a link to the support team.

Process for families to book HAF activities:

- Once schools submit their FSM data to the Holiday Activities platform, vouchers will be issued on a set date
- HAF vouchers will be sent to the primary contact email address for each eligible child
- Parents/carers can then log onto the Holiday Activities system, view provision and choose which activity to book

In order to access activity, families should be signposted to their email accounts to locate the email from the Holiday Activities platform. This will include a link that enables parents/carers to log in and book activity.

If families believe they meet the criteria, but have not received a HAF voucher, they should speak to their school to confirm their eligibility.

If a voucher has not been issued in the first instance, please refer families to HAF@swindon.gov.uk.