

7th December 2021

Dear Headteacher,

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme December 2021

We are delighted to share with you an update on the HAF programme.

The HAF programme will be delivered in Warwickshire over the upcoming Christmas holiday period. There will be a programme of free face to face activities to include food, available for each qualifying child for up to four days over the two weeks of the December holidays. This provision will be available for take up from Monday 20th December to Friday 31st December.

To qualify to access the HAF programme families must be in receipt of benefits tested free school meals. The parent/carers of all children who are currently registered have been sent a HAF code via text and e-mail from WCC (Warwickshire County Council). They can use this code to book activities direct with providers.

There is a wide range of activities available including multi-sports, arts and crafts, drama and equestrian. We also have some family days out available, which the whole family can attend together. Further information can be found by clicking the Christmas HAF activities link on the [Children and Families homepage](#). More family days out will be added over the coming days.

We are working closely with providers to ensure that Warwickshire's HAF provision is as inclusive as possible. If a child needs additional support to access an activity due to additional needs or transport costs, parent/carers should be discuss this directly with providers who are able to access additional funding.

Action for schools

- Make eligible children and families aware of the programme.
- Encourage families who are not receiving free school meals to check eligibility and apply [here](#).
- Encourage eligible families to see what activities are on in their local area in the [Warwickshire Directory](#)

HAF post December 2021

The DfE have announced that they will make funding available for the HAF programme for the next three years. In Warwickshire we will be working hard to increase and develop the programme to offer a wider range of activities across the County. If you would like to find out more about how your school can be involved in becoming a provider please contact the HAF team on the contact details below.

For any queries please contact hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or ring the Family Information Service Helpline 01926 742274

Please note: In addition to the HAF programme The Local Welfare Scheme is offering support for families on benefits tested free school meals in the form of a supermarket voucher from voucher supplier Huggg. Vouchers will be issued automatically direct to families. More information can be found [here](#).

Kind regards,

Warwickshire HAF Team