

# HAF it! 2023

Holiday, Activities & Food  
Programme (HAF)

Information for Schools



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# What is HAF?

- The Holidays, Activities & Food (HAF) programme is nationally funded by the Department for Education enabling eligible children and young people to attend school holiday activity clubs and experiences during Easter, Summer and Christmas.
- The Programme offers enriching activities, workshops and experiences with healthy meals included, the Programme aims to close the holiday experience gap, encouraging children and young people to get active, eat well, try new experiences, have fun and make friends.
- The programme is designed to support school-aged children, from reception through to and including year 11 in receipt of benefits related FSM.
- In Worcestershire, our HAF Programme is called 'HAF It!' and is delivered by commissioned delivery partner Sutton Croft, working in partnership with Ready Steady Worcestershire on behalf of Worcestershire County Council.

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# HAF Eligibility & Sign up - FSM

Children & young people from reception through to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM) can sign up and instantly book on to HAF activities.

We verify all FSM eligible children through our HAF It booking site on sign up, all eligible CYP can follow the steps below. Families only need to sign up once to have access to all future free HAF activities and can sign up any time throughout the year.

## FSM-eligible children can join by:

1. Visiting [Ready Steady Worcestershire - Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Worcestershire County Council](#) and clicking 'sign up here' button, following the steps to sign up or log in to account.
2. Adding child's profile to start the FSM-verification process.
3. Waiting until FSM status has been verified (within 48hrs)
4. Searching for preferred activities and instant booking when they go live

## Universal Infant Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in England's state funded schools receive a free meal under the universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) policy. Infant pupils who receive a free meal under UIFSM **must** also be eligible for benefits-related FSM to be able to access the HAF programme.

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# HAF eligibility & sign up – Non-FSM

## For Non-FSM Eligible Children

The HAF programme has up to 15% of places available for children from the following groups:

- Children assessed by the school or provider as being in need, at risk or vulnerable.
- Children assessed by the local authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable – this means the child has a;
  - Child in Need plan
  - Child Protection Plan or
  - Early Help Assessment
- Young carers
- Looked-after children or previously looked after children (Kinship carers only)
- Children with an EHCP (Education, Health & Care Plan)
- Children directly referred by providers, schools, parenting practitioner, health visitors, housing association
- Children from refugee families

The 15% flexibility is used at the discretion of the HAF providers and places are limited due to funding criteria. Priority for HAF places will be given to FSM-eligible children.

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## To sign up, please:

1. Visit [Ready Steady Worcestershire - Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Worcestershire County Council](#) and click 'sign up here' button, following the steps to sign up or log in to account.
2. Add child's profile to start the verification process.
3. Wait until the child's FSM status has been verified as 'referred' (within 48hrs).
4. Search for preferred activities and request places from providers.
5. Providers will review pending place requests and allocate up to their 15% limit.
6. You will then be notified when your place is accepted, or not.

**Note:** due to the very limited places for non-FSM eligible children, referred status children cannot instant book places.

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# What Do HAF Activities Look Like?

Each HAF-funded activity will include/provide the following:

- Enriching activities which promote confidence, personal development, physical activity, life skills, socialising, team work, and leadership opportunities, etc.
- A well-balanced, nutritional meal suitable to activity (usually hot, but a pack up might be offered where activities are outdoors).
- A fully supportive team of staff who are passionate about the wellbeing and development of those who attend. Providers are fully trained and experienced in their field, with safeguarding a priority.
- Nutritional and physical education either through the workshop itself or in addition in a fun and engaging setting.
- Signposting and help in finding information from a range of support services as needed.

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# How many HAF activities can each child attend?

Credits are given to each eligible child once their account has been verified (there is more information on the following pages).

Each eligible child has the below allocation for each school holiday:

4 credits for Easter

16 credits for Summer (increased credits due to longer holiday period)

4 credits for Christmas

The number of credits per activity will vary – if a provider offers enhancements to the activity, such as two hot meals or more as opposed to the standard one, this will mean 2 credits will be taken. In addition, if an activity includes training or lessons for an end result, such as a learn to swim course, the provider will request that a block booking is made to cover this. It means that several days must be booked and credits allocated accordingly.

Our activity brochure PDF will explain all of the above and highlight those who require block bookings or more than one credit.

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# Can children attend on their own or are parents/carers required to attend?

Parent/carer attendance will vary depending on the type of activity offered.

Most clubs are settings where you drop your child off and collect at the end of the day. Some of our SEND clubs, special trips or family events will require parents/carers to attend, but the booking site will clearly state if parents/carers must attend before confirming the activities.

Our activity brochure will also provide this information.

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# Are all activities & workshops inclusive for all eligible children & young people?

As part of the HAF programme agreement, providers offer an inclusive and adaptable programme where possible.

Some of our providers run specialist SEND clubs and we will be able to identify these once 2023 applications have closed. Families and schools can find more information via the booking site and our activity brochure.

If your child has special educational needs and disabilities we ask that you contact the providers direct to discuss requirements. They will be happy to discuss plans and needs with you but must have a full view on what adjustments they will need to make in order to safely deliver the activities. A full child profile will enable providers to assess and support CYP needs.

The HAF team is available to help parents/carers find and book suitable activities – please contact [enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk)

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# How do we book HAF activities?

Bookings can be made via [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk)

If you have not yet set up an account for your child, you will need to sign up, log in and under **my children**, add your child's profile.

## FSM-eligible children:

1. Log into account and go to **my children**. Add your child's profile.
2. Once added, you'll see that child's FSM status is pending. This will be updated as soon as FSM-eligibility has been verified (it can take up to 48hrs).
3. A green tick next to your child's name means they are FSM-verified and you can now book activities for them, receiving instant confirmation. You can book for Easter, Summer and Christmas (when bookings open) without needing to reverify again.



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## Non-FSM / referred children:

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2. Once added, you'll see that child's FSM status is pending. This will be updated as soon as FSM-eligibility has been verified (it can take up to 48hrs).
3. An orange tick next to their name means they will receive credits and can request to book activities, subject to the provider confirming availability.



4. If you see  next to your child's name, we have been unable to verify their account. Please contact [enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk) if your child is FSM-eligible or has been referred.

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# HAF in the community...



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- Be creative



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You can book a paid space online now via ClassForKids

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Energise is an organisation dedicated to providing a fun, safe environment to developing both physical and mental well being!

**Feedback**

I enjoyed doing the laser tag, climbing and archery when we went on the trip. I had a great time and would love to do it again.

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+ “Your program you offer at Claines provides so much support and guidance for our anxious two children. We have never been able to leave our eldest due to his autism and transitioning. You offered a warm, safe and welcoming space. Stuart and his staff go above and beyond and I will definitely be booking my two children in at Easter.” - **Parent, Active Discovery Camps**

“Thank you for all your help, it will make a massive difference having the kids in holiday club. Especially as lunch is provided.

“We are so grateful for this amazing scheme, it really helps that our children are given lunch and activities to do all day! Our children loved attending and the coaches were excellent. Thank you and happy Christmas!

“My son really loved his time here, he came home raving about it everyday particularly Nick.” - **Parent, Worcestershire Cricket**

“The feedback from school staff and those who attended our events were generally positive, with improved engagement with local organisations and individuals delivering alongside us. Certainly at Birchen Coppice, there has been a large impact on children and families regarding this club, not just impacting the child, but also parents and guardians. More organisations are getting involved, to support in areas where we lack knowledge, skills or equipment.

“Between the summer and winter delivery, we have found improved social interactions with our staff at the holiday club and out in the community. More people have begun to recognise our services in the community and have pushed to try new activities. We are seeing familiar faces joining our services, and we are starting to see a larger audience of new faces. Where we can, we include CAMHS in our services, so they can promote ways of improving social and mental health with parents/guardians and CYP’s services.” - **Connor, Active Youth Outreach Services**

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# Key dates 2023...

- **Easter** holiday
  - Friday 31st March – Monday 17th April
  - HAF bookings live via [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk) – date TBC
- **Summer** holiday
  - Tuesday 25th July – Monday 4th September
  - HAF bookings live via [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk) – date TBC
- **Christmas** holiday
  - holiday Friday 22nd December – Monday 8th January
  - HAF bookings live via [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk) – date TBC

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# Where can I find out more about the HAF programme locally and nationally?

## HAF Worcestershire:

[Ready Steady Worcestershire - Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Worcestershire County Council](#)  
*Worcestershire County Council website with full details on HAF*

[HAF Worcestershire \(haf-it.co.uk\)](https://haf-it.co.uk)

*Booking site for HAF activities – parents/carers – please use this link to sign up FSM-eligible children!*

## Contact us:

[enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk)

## Nationally:

Visit the [Department of Education HAF guidance](#) for more details.

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