



Department
for Education

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

OUR FOCUS

- School holidays can be a particular pressure points for some families due to increased costs (e.g. food, childcare and reduced incomes)
- This can lead to some children facing a holiday experience gap – children from disadvantaged families are:
 - Less likely to access organised out-of-school activities
 - More likely to experience ‘unhealthy holidays’ in regard to nutrition and physical health
 - More likely to experience social isolation



OUR PROGRAMME

Since 2018:

DfE have invested in local programmes that deliver free healthy meals and fun activities for disadvantaged children in the summer

Summer 2018:

£2 million was invested in seven summer holiday pilots across England

Summer 2019:

£9m was invested in programmes in 11 local authority areas, to improve coverage, joint working, promotion, consistency and quality

Summer 2020:

£9 million was invested in 17 local authority areas, including projects that covered more than one LA

November 2020:

It was announced as part of the [New Winter Package](#) that HAF would be extended to cover Easter, summer and Christmas in 2021 and cost up to £220m



2021 EXPANSION

- Holiday Activities and Food programme has expanded in 2021 to reach all local authority areas in England
- Children on free school meals in England will be offered free healthy meals and enriching activities over the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays
- Investment of up to £220 million will be delivered through grants to local authorities
- Grant funding will cover the provision of the free holiday places for 6 weeks a year (4 weeks in the summer, 1 week at Easter and 1 week at Christmas) and the coordination of the programme locally



Our programme
is coordinated
by local
authorities

Local authority 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

HOW WILL DFE SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORITIES?

Local
Implementation
Team

National Support
Contract

Guidance and
reporting

Evaluation

Expert Advisory
Group

National Stakeholder
engagement

LINK TO WIDER PROGRAMMES

Summer Schools

**Free School
Meals
programme**

**Mental Health and
Wellbeing**



Breakfast Clubs

**Wraparound
Childcare**

**DWP Welfare
Support**

Working with others

- Working with national organisations and partners to explore how best to make links with LAs and any support available for HAF
- This could include signposting to existing resources and events or providing support through other ways
- We are working with other government departments to ensure that LAs and delivery partners are also aware of other summer activities taking place (subject to covid guidance and restrictions)



THANKS FOR LISTENING

ANY QUESTIONS?

