

Briefing to county schools, Children & Families (HAF)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME **Exciting opportunities for your families this year!**

Nottinghamshire County Council is thrilled to announce that funding for the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme will continue in 2026, with a commitment from the Department for Education for three years funding.

This means that children across the county will once again have access to engaging activities and nutritious meals during the school holidays.

Spring (Easter) Holiday Clubs – Bookings Open Soon!

Mark your calendars! From **Friday 27th February, 7am**, families can book their places for the Easter holiday clubs. Visit: [Activities and venues | Nottinghamshire County Council](#) to secure a place.

What is HAF?

HAF is a **Department for Education funded programme** that provides Funded holiday activities and meals to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. The programme runs during the **Easter, Summer, Autumn (October), and Christmas holidays**.

Who Can Benefit?

- Children aged **5 – 16 years** (Reception aged 4 and Year 11 inclusive)
- Children **in receipt of benefits-related free school meals**
- This is **not a food voucher scheme** – all activities are delivered **face-to-face!**

How to book:

- We ask that schools share the information with eligible families in their schools
- Parents and carers should be forwarded the attached (easy to read) handbook (pdf)
- Parents/carers visit: [Activities and venues | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)
- All the listings can be found on the Eequ website. Register an account to book
- **No need for HAF codes** – the system will check eligibility automatically

Why Should Schools Get Involved?

HAF provides invaluable benefits for children during the school holidays:

- Eating healthily
- Staying active
- Taking part in enriching activities that support **resilience, character, and wellbeing**
- Avoiding social isolation and staying safe
- Gaining valuable knowledge about **health and nutrition**
- Staying engaged with **education and local services**

Want to Deliver HAF at Your School?

We are looking for schools interested in **hosting or delivering HAF programmes**. This is a fantastic opportunity to support your students and community during school breaks.

For more details or to get involved, contact the **HAF team**:

 haf@nottscc.gov.uk

 0115 9774 999 (available 10am-2pm, Monday to Friday)

For More Information:

Visit: [Schools and professionals | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Let's work together to make school holidays **fun, active, and enriching** for children across Nottinghamshire!

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