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Dear Parent/Carer,

Families who receive Free School Meals – important changes to holiday vouchers

Sefton Council has advised schools that, from September 2026, Free School Meal holiday vouchers will no longer be provided during school holidays. This follows changes to Government funding.

Sefton Council Current offer

Although holiday vouchers are ending, support remains available for eligible families through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. The programme provides healthy meals alongside activities, social opportunities and wellbeing support during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. Children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals are eligible to access this provision.

For further information about the HAF Programme, parents and carers can contact the HAF team by email at holidayactivity.andfoodprogramme@sefton.gov.uk.

Families experiencing financial hardship are also encouraged to visit the Sefton Council Cost of Living support page for information on the help available: [Cost of Living](#)

We encourage families who may need support to explore these Sefton Council services.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Bailey
Business Manager