



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Easter **Holiday Activity and Food (HAF)** vouchers are due to be released on Tuesday 5 March 2024, so please check your emails to make sure you receive them. All parents/carers of children who are eligible for Free School Meals have been sent a voucher to cover activities offered via the HAF programme (made available by Wigan Council).

The HAF programme provides **free** healthy food and enrichment activities to children and young people who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. This programme has been funded in response to a number of issues that many children and families face during the school holiday periods. The main outcomes of the programme are for children to: -

- eat more healthily over the school holidays
- be more active during the school holidays
- take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character, and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment
- be safe and not to be socially isolated
- have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition
- be more engaged with school and other local services

There are lots of activities to choose from across the whole of Wigan Borough with activities ranging from sports and arts to IT and family days out. To access the list of activities, select the link on your unique email and choose the activities you wish your child(ren) to attend. Complete the booking form and the provider will be in touch to confirm your place and provide any additional information.

Further information can be found on the Wigan Council link: - [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

St Helens council offer a similar programme and their details can be found on the link: - [Holiday activities and food programme - St Helens Borough Council](#)

Kind regards

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