



North East Lincolnshire Council
Holiday Activities and Food Programme
Annual Report

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Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Since 2021 North East Lincolnshire Council have provided free holiday activities to pupils aged 5 -16 year olds through the government funded HAF Programme.

The programme provides a healthy meal with enriching activities during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays to all children eligible for a benefit related free school meals.

It has been widely documented that school holidays can be pressure points for some families due to increased costs during the school holiday times.

Some children are more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and health.

Some children from lower income families are less likely to attend holiday activities.

This annual report aims to showcase the fantastic opportunities that our young people in North East Lincolnshire have been part of, working closely with providers to offer a broad range of holiday activities across the borough.

Jennifer Steel, Service Director for Education, Inclusion and Integration

HAF in North East Lincolnshire

The success of the programme continues to grow and evolve.

As the number of free school meals continues to rise locally the funding is vital to our families, it brings young people together, promotes healthy eating, safety, social inclusion and connects families with schools and their local communities.

Nearly 8000 children were receiving benefit related free school meals from March 2023 – April 2024.

In addition we supported families to children across the Local authority to children with an EHCP, Looked after or have a social worker.

We work with all schools in North East Lincolnshire to identify eligibility and assign holiday vouchers.

“What's truly heartwarming about the summer program is the sense of togetherness it fosters. Children who were strangers in the morning become best friends by day's end. We've received glowing feedback from many parents who've noted how much their children enjoyed the activities and eagerly anticipate returning for more. The summer was a testament to the positive impact HAF has on children, bringing them closer, building their confidence, and creating lasting memories of fun and friendship.”

- YMCA HUMBER



Evouchers – Holiday Activities booking system

HolidayActivities is a platform designed and built specifically to support effective HAF programmes, enabling local authorities, activity providers and recipients easily and securely engage in HAF activities.

From Easter 2023 we procured an online booking system for parents/carers to receive their HAF vouchers and book activities.

Providers upload their offer – this is promoted through their social media platforms, in schools and on their websites

The Evouchers system connects to all schools management information system which allows eligible families to automatically receive a voucher code. Once the code has been activated by the parents/carers they are able to search and book on to a wider range of activities.

The system is a central platform for parent/cares, providers and the Local authority. Providers manage their own activities enabling them to take control; managing spaces, create registers and operate a waiting list.

Easter - This was the first time we used our central booking system for providers and parents.

Activities included Premier Education, Grimsby Town Football Club, Fierce Elite Cheerleading, Cottagers Plot Equestrian Centre, Lincs Inspire, Climb 4, Elsham activity centre, Wild pines outdoor adventures. Ice skating and indoor climbing wall.

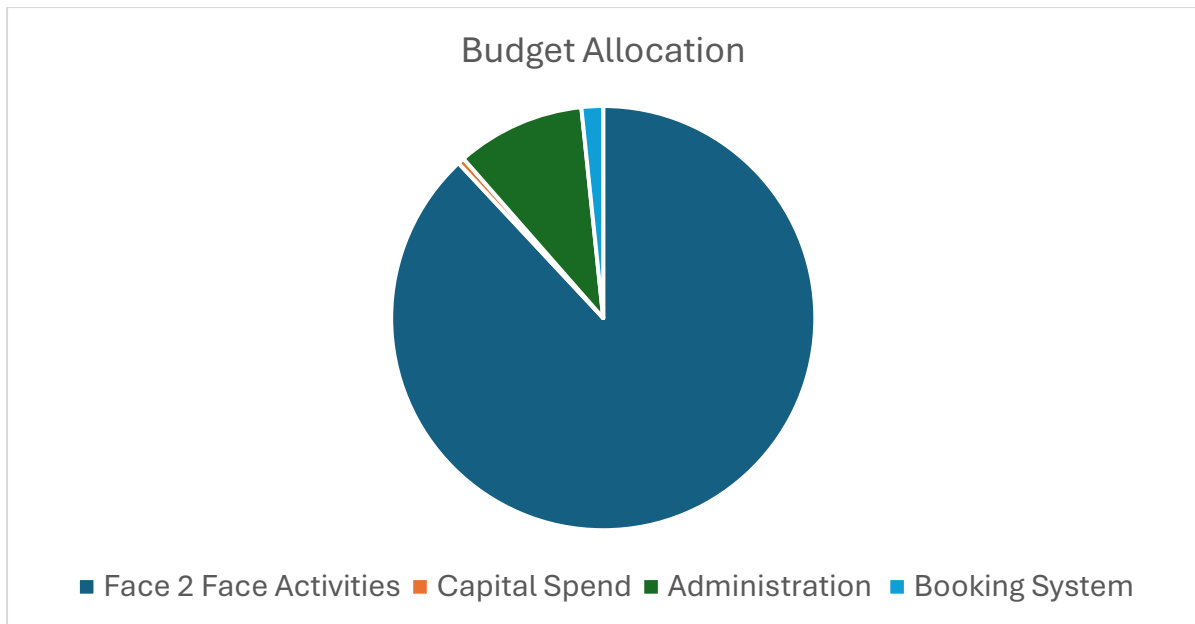
Summer – Many activities were planned for the summer programme which included Outdoor activity Centre 3 day residential visit Kingswood Paddle boarding Rock Climbing Ice skating Bowling Farm visits, Visit to the local beach (Cleethorpes) to name a few!!!

Christmas is always a magical time of year for our families when they get to celebrate the end of the year with a traditional pantomime offer – Each child went to see a live pantomime performance with one adult member of their family, they received a snack bag, a light up fairy wand or sword for the show and a half time ice cream treat and selection box.

Over 60 children had the opportunity to watch a professional football match and have a matchday experience with Grimsby Town Football Club.

There were also a range of sports activities and arts and craft workshops.





Attendance and booking information

The HAF Programme offers children and young people the opportunity to take part during the following school holidays:

Easter 4 sessions

Summer 16 sessions

Christmas 4 sessions

A combined 20547 places were available to book.



HAF Providers

Without the providers staffing and delivering our HAF programme it would not be as successful as it is.

We use local providers throughout the year to offer a quality programme of activities.

All providers delivered overall excellent quality HAF Programmes to those young people and children that attended. Quality Assurance visits were carried out on each provider who delivered activities to ensure the quality of provision was in line with the Department for Education requirements.

Climb 4	Fierce Elite Cheerleading
Premier Education	Lincs inspire - Sports
Cleethorpes Library	Grimsby Auditorium
YMCA-Humber	Kickstarters
The Fusion Centre	Cottagers Plot Equestrian Centre
Grimsby Town Foundation	We are fish
Oasis South Hub	

Education Settings

Havelock Academy	Sevenhills Academy
Welholme Academy	Littlecoates Academy
Oasis Academy Immingham	Oasis Academy Wintringham
Healing Village Nursery OOSC	Little Oaks Day Nursery
Humberston Park Academy	

Holiday programmes delivered on a school site

Wybers Wood Academy	Pilgrim Academy
Ormiston Maritime Academy	Whitgift Academy

Quality Assurance

All providers rated good or excellent as per the HAF framework standards set by the Department for Education.

Every provider has a quality assurance check during their programme

Areas which are graded:

Physical Activities

Enriching Activities

Food Standards – Healthy food, healthy eating education

Signposting and referrals

Environment and sustainability

Safeguarding

Health and safety policies

Insurance policies and procedures

Accessibility and Inclusiveness



“We have a strong and robust following of students in KS4 with regards to our holiday activities.”

- HAVELOCK ACADEMY

Key findings / Challenges

The booking system has enabled the Local Authority to receive and record more accurate data.

The reach lowered due to being able to identify unique numbers.

Bookings quickly increased after the Easter holidays once parents became more familiar with the booking system.

Non attendance has improved gradually.

SEND Places and provision needs to be increased.

“We have found that our sessions are becoming increasingly popular with children and families with SEN.”

- CLIMB 4

Plans for 2024/25

We have an exciting programme planned built on the successes from this year.

The Local Authority will continue to develop the HAF Programme.

Feedback from providers and families has enabled the Local authority to further develop our offer.

We have plans to offer additional send only programmes for primary and secondary aged pupils and increase the range of enriching activities.

Support providers to promote a sustainable programme beyond the end of the HAF funding

“We had a number of parents that spoke to us saying that it was brilliant and that they wanted to come back again.”

- HEALING OOSC

