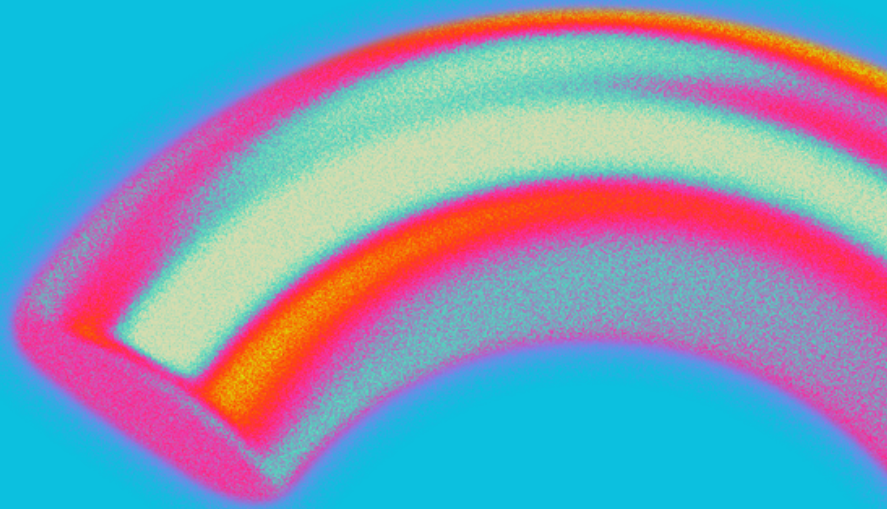
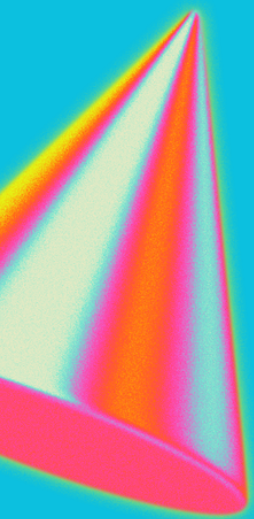


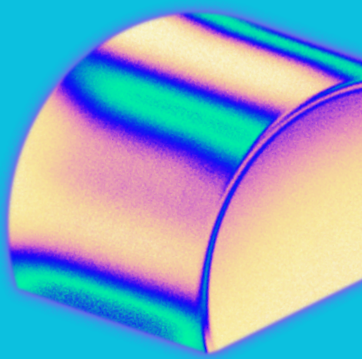
2025 - 2026



HAF ANNUAL REPORT



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SUMMARY

This report outlines the delivery and impact of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme across North East Lincolnshire. The programme provides healthy meals alongside enriching activities during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays for all children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM). In addition, the programme supports access to activities for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), children in care, and children who have a social worker, helping to ensure that more vulnerable children can participate in positive holiday experiences.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



The HAF Programme aims to support children and families by providing opportunities to:

- Access healthy and nutritious meals during the school holidays.
- Maintain a healthy level of physical activity.
- Be happy, have fun, and make new friends.
- Develop a greater understanding of food, nutrition, and other health-related issues.
- Take part in fun, engaging, and enriching activities that support their development.
- Feel safe, secure, and included.
- Access the right support services and wider family support where needed.
- Return to school feeling engaged, refreshed, and ready to learn.

This aims to improve outcomes for children by reducing holiday hunger, supporting physical and emotional wellbeing, and helping families access the support available within their communities.

PARTICIPATION & REACH

The programme reached a wide cohort of children across the local authority, with strong levels of engagement across all 3 delivery periods.

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Average number of vouchers issued per programme

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Total number of Providers

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Number of children with SEND accessed summer activities

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Average number of vouchers redeemed per programme

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Total number of activity sessions in 2025



DELIVERY MODEL

HAF provision is delivered through a partnership of schools, voluntary and community sector organisations, and local activity providers. Together, these organisations delivered a broad and diverse programme of activities, ensuring accessible and inclusive opportunities for children and young people across North East Lincolnshire.



FOOD PROVISION

All sessions include a nutritious hot or cold meal that met school food standards, alongside opportunities for food education and healthy eating awareness. Several providers shared menus with families in advance of sessions, enabling parents and carers to plan ahead and helping to reduce food waste.

Providers also demonstrated a commitment to supporting families beyond the activity sessions themselves. In many instances, surplus food was distributed to families to take home, helping to maximise the use of available resources and providing additional support to households during the school holiday period.

INCLUSION & SEND

Targeted provision helped ensure that the programme was accessible and inclusive for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This included specialist providers delivering tailored activities, adapted programmes, and additional support to meet individual needs. These approaches enabled children and young people with SEND to participate fully in holiday activities, promoting inclusion, building confidence, and providing opportunities to develop social skills, independence, and wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Families were signposted to a range of additional support services, including cost-of-living assistance, local holiday provision, wellbeing services, and community-based support programmes. This approach helped families access wider sources of support beyond the HAF programme, ensuring they were aware of available resources and services that could support their financial, physical, and emotional wellbeing throughout the year.

➤ OUTCOMES & IMPACTS

The programme supported improved wellbeing, increased levels of physical activity, and helped to reduce holiday hunger among participating children and families. Feedback from children, young people, and parents highlighted a range of positive social and emotional outcomes, including improved confidence, increased social interaction, the development of new friendships, and a greater sense of belonging within their communities. Families also reported that participation in activities helped to reduce isolation during the school holidays and provided valuable opportunities for children to engage in positive and meaningful experiences.



PROVIDERS

The HAF Programme would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our providers. Schools, voluntary and community sector organisations, and local delivery partners played a key role in ensuring children and families could access high-quality activities, nutritious meals, and valuable support throughout the school holidays. Their contribution has been central to the programme's success.

- GRIMSBY AUDITORIUM
- Lincs INSPIRE SPORTS
- CLEETHORPES LIBRARY
- FIERCE ELITE CHEERLEADING
- ECLIPSE GYMNASTICS
- YMCA - HUMBER
- KICKSTARTERS
- COTTAGERS PLOT EQUESTRIAN
- PREMIER EDUCATION
- HAVELOCK ACADEMY
- CLIMB 4
- GRIMSBY TOWN FOUNDATION
- BOUNCEBACK
- HEALING VILLAGE NURSERY AND OOSC
- LEARNING 4 LIFE
- OASIS SOUTH HUB
- THE LAUNCHPAD
- TWIST AND FLIP GYMNASTICS
- CREATING POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES
- THE FUSION CENTRE
- FOOTBALL FUN FACTORY
- TARGET GY
- HUMBERSTON PARK ACADEMY
- THE TRIN
- OASIS ACADEMY IMMINGHAM
- LITTLECOATES PRIMARY ACADEMY
- OASIS ACADEMY WINTRINGHAM

FEEDBACK



“The HAF programme is fantastic, and it gives parents the peace of mind to be able leave their children in a supervised environment in which they can meet new friends, learn new skills and above all have fun in a safe environment. Parents also know that their children are provided with a good lunch whether that’s a hot or cold option.”

“We have been able to advise that some children attending the SEN sessions would benefit from attending the mainstream as they were able to follow instructions and structure, this allowed places to become free for the SEN sessions.”

“Across the full two weeks we were able to provide 1164 HAF places locally at various venues and through a range of activities.”

SPOTLIGHT

EASTER

% Vouchers redeemed - 35.83%
% Redeemed vouchers used to book - 36.72%
% Places booked - 85.61%
% Places attended - 73.58%

SUMMER

% Vouchers redeemed - 43.36%
% Redeemed vouchers used to book - 41.91%
% Places booked - 87.39%
% Places attended - 71.55%

WINTER

% Vouchers redeemed - 38.34%
% Redeemed vouchers used to book - 44.40%
% Places booked - 93.66%
% Places attended - 74.02%

SAFEGUARDING & QUALITY

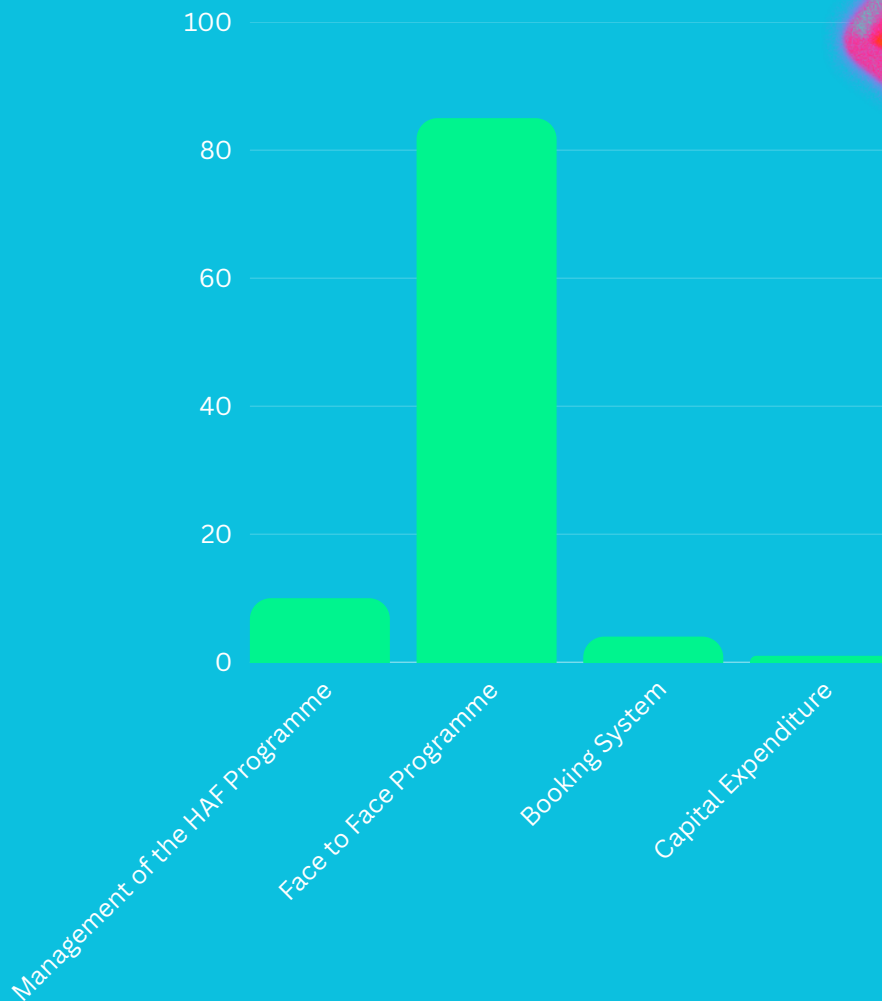
Robust safeguarding arrangements are in place throughout the delivery of the programme. All providers are required to meet local authority safeguarding requirements, including appropriate policies, procedures, staff training, and safer recruitment practices. Compliance was supported through provider checks, monitoring visits, and ongoing communication with programme staff to ensure that activities are delivered in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all children and young people.

WORKFORCE & TRAINING

Staff and volunteers received their in house training in safeguarding, food safety, and inclusive delivery practices to support the provision of high-quality, safe, and accessible activities. Training helped ensure that all personnel were equipped with the knowledge and skills required to meet the diverse needs of participating children and young people, maintain appropriate safeguarding standards, and promote positive experiences throughout the programme. Ongoing guidance and support are also provided to help providers deliver activities that are inclusive, engaging, and responsive to the needs of their communities.

SUMMARY OF SPEND

The HAF grant was allocated across programme delivery, food provision, and administration, ensuring value for money and maximum impact.



- TOTAL £782,200
- MANAGEMENT/ADMIN £78,060.46
- CAPITAL EXPENDITURE £479.04
- PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE £690,667
- BOOKING SYSTEM £12,993.50

Plans & Recommendations

Increase Participation

- Ensure schools are the primary referral route
- Increase engagement with family hubs send teams and family organisations

Stengthen SEND and inclusive provision

- Offer family support along side childrens activites
- Provide staff training on neurodiversity and addition needs

Improve quality and consistancy

- Ensure providers maintain high levels of safeguarding.
- Comply with food and school safety standards.
- Ensure a high level of quality physical and enriching activities.
- Improve non attendance

We will continue to support providers to offer a broad and rich programme of activites

To include;

- Cooking clubs
- Gardening projects
- Team building activities
- Arts, crafts, and creative activities
- Dance, music, and peforming arts workshops
- Visits to local attractions