



# Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Registered Charity No: 1141060

## Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) Children's Services.

### April – June Parents Voice report.

Please see responses to parents' comments, I think I've managed to pick all the comments that require feedback in between some of the conversations:

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⚭ Yes twice now, my son did sailing at Easter and he loved it. The frustration I had was at the last minute I found out young carers are also eligible for it and I never got vouchers for my daughter and there were spaces in clubs she could have gone to. So, I shall follow that up for summer holiday.

Schools are responsible for assigning HAF Evoucher codes to a limited number of children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals but who may be classed as vulnerable and would benefit from HAF

⚭ I was going to say "never heard of it" but then I realized you're talking about HAF. I've never seen it spelt out that way.

HAF stands for Holiday Activities and Food Programme and you will often see it abbreviated as HAF.

⚭ It was a complicated process as my daughter goes to school in Norfolk. and she was very fussy with what she wanted to do hence she didn't do anything despite all my frustrations in getting the voucher.

Lincolnshire HAF can only fund children and young people who either attend a school in Lincolnshire or reside in Lincolnshire. We would refer children/parents to neighbouring counties if they did not fall into Lincolnshire's geographical reach. Each club delivers a variety of physical activities, enrichment activities, healthy eating healthy lifestyles and positive behaviours education and healthy meals though many clubs offer different types of activities to suit the interests and likes of children and young people.

⚭ Got vouchers for HAF but my son didn't want to go to anything. At 14 prefers to hang about with mates. Shame.

Please do check the booking system when receiving HAF Evoucher codes for future delivery periods as we continue to increase the activities available for secondary aged young people.

⚭ I get them but there's not a lot of variety around me. Most of the clubs are sports/games clubs which none of my kids are really interested in. My 15 year old said she'd enjoy art/pottery but only if it was for older kids. My younger two were more interested in something like science clubs.

Please feel free to contact the HAF team via [HAF@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@lincolnshire.gov.uk) as we would be more than happy to share details of clubs in your local area for Winter 2023 delivery. Each club delivers a variety of physical activities, enrichment activities (including arts and crafts), healthy eating healthy lifestyles and positive behaviours education and healthy meals though many clubs offer different types of activities to suit the interests and likes of children and young people.

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▷ My social worker told me that all kids with EHCPs will be eligible this time. Have you heard that as well?

The eligibility criteria to access HAF does not include EHCP's. HAF is funded for children and young people who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

▷ I wish they would provide some activities that were more targeted toward kids with SEN, or just lower in number of children. I don't know, all I know is that I desperately need the help and respite that these activities would provide but there's absolutely no way that I can get either of my kids to take part in them.

We have some HAF Providers located around the county who deliver SEND only clubs for small groups of children. A map of all of our HAF Providers for Winter 2023 is on our [HAF webpage](#) to view.

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▷ What if your child is out of education but entitled to free meals and free holiday clubs?

If your child is out of education but entitled to benefits related free school meals, please contact [HAF@Lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@Lincolnshire.gov.uk) and we will arrange for a HAF Evoucher to be issued to you where you can view and book onto activities.

▷ Far too many inconsistencies with this programme.

Please contact [HAF@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@lincolnshire.gov.uk) to provide more detail on your comments so we can continue to gather feedback and improve HAF provision.

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