



Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2022 Expressions of Interest

The Council is once again developing a programme of free activities and nutritious food for the school holidays in 2022. This is part of the DfE HAF Programme for the Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays.

Funding is available for children aged four to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals so they can take part in a range of fun activities and enjoy a meal during the holiday periods.

With this in mind, the Council is keen to work with schools across the county either as providers or as venues for clubs. Expressions of Interest are still being accepted for the summer and Christmas holidays. You can deliver activities or food, or both during either or all of the holiday periods. To submit an Expression of Interest, please complete the [online questionnaire](#) (please use Chrome to open).

The deadlines to submit an Expression of Interest form are:

Holiday Period	Opening Date	Closing Date
Summer / Christmas 2022	25th April 2022	5th June 2022
Christmas 2022 (Round 2)	5th September 2022	16th September 2022

Please Note: The EOI submission window will be closed between the 1st March - 25th March 2022 & 5th June - 5th September 2022.

Nigel Jupp, Cabinet Member for Learning and Schools, said: "Over the summer and Christmas holidays around 2,700 children took part in our Holiday Activity and Food programme. Once again lots of sports clubs and groups are taking part to offer an exciting range of activities and fun." You can see feedback from children and parents in this short [video...](#)

HAF Requirements

HAF funding from the Department for Education is for the provision of face-to-face Holiday Activity clubs with food only. Please note that providers who are unable to provide food can still apply; West Sussex County Council will work with them to organise food.

Funding is available for the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays for school aged children (four -16 years) in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals. Please note that HAF funding does not cover nursery aged children.

The priority in West Sussex is to offer hot meals to children, cold food will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Eligible children should be able to access at least 96 hours of provision across the three main school holidays.

Further guidance on the programme is available on the [DfE Holiday Activity and Food Programme webpage](#).

If you are able to offer your school site as a venue, please contact HAF@westsussex.gov.uk