WF Happy Healthy Holidays

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A parent and carer information guide

WF Happy Healthy Holidays aims to keep children and young people active during the School Holidays by providing free enriching activities and healthy food for children in Reception class to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Activities take place during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays and the sessions are fully funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

Come join us for exciting new experiences, delicious food, energetic activities and much more.

To book on activities or to find out more check here (or scan the QR code): **https://www.wakefieldfamiliestogether.co.uk/community-support/happy-healthy-holidays/**

Aims of the programme

All HAF providers will offer a high-quality experience that will result in children

- receiving healthy and nutritious meals
- maintaining a healthy level of physical activity
- being happy, having fun and meeting new friends
- developing a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health-related issues
- taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development
- feeling safe and secure
- returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn

Families can also access information and support around other services such as health services or employment and education opportunities.

Is my child eligible?

If your child is in Reception class to year 11 and are in receipt of income-based free school meals, they are eligible to attend Happy Healthy Holidays activities. Please note Income-Based Free School meals are different to Universal Infant Free School Meals that all children receive from Reception to year 2.

You can check your eligibility at:

www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/

My Child is not eligible, what else is available?

Some providers may be offering paid places in addition to the programme. These will be available at the providers discretion and the costs to attend these places may vary.

You can also visit our webpage for a list of other free activities happening in the district.

Some Ofsted registered providers may accept tax free childcare vouchers to support with your childcare over the holidays. You can also see if you are eligible and apply for Tax Free Childcare, a UK-wide scheme to help working parents pay for childcare, by visiting **gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare**

Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

Our Happy Healthy Holiday schemes offer places to those children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. We have several providers who offer specialist support for SEND children, and also providers who support children in a mainstream setting.

If your child requires extra support due to SEND or any other needs, please have a conversation with the provider in the first instance to ensure that they can support your child's needs at the session.

Parent's feedback from previous activities:

"There are so many things to do and to keep each age entertained''.

"Thank you for being so inclusive - I struggle to find any activities suitable for the boys, or that they are willing to go back to, they love this club so much - we will be back!"

"We qualify for Free School Meals so the WF Happy Healthy Holiday scheme enabled me to allow my three children to attend a full week of camp which I would not usually be able to afford. Having FREE and fantastic food choices was also an added bonus"

"My children have had an amazing time and not stopped talking about it!"

Children and Young People's feedback from previous activities:

"I've had so much fun here - I would have just stayed at home all week if I didn't have this to come to".

"Taking part in the sports activities is helping me with my confidence"

"I'm so glad I came! I have made lots of new friends".

"The food was delicious. I got to try new things and had something different every day."

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