HAF FAQs

Who is eligible for HAF?

- There are fully funded holiday club places available for children and young people aged 4 -16 inclusive, eligible for free school meals and those otherwise considered as vulnerable (usually identified by the school in advance). Ukrainian and Afghan families are also eligible for their children to access HAF.
- HAF is for Free School meal children only, not children in receipt of Universal Free School Meals

How do I book a place, and do I need a code?

 Please <u>click here</u> to access a the dedicated bookings and information website with a full list of sites, location, providers, booking links and codes where appropriate.

Not use codes, some use HAF specific booking links that direct users to a different form to fee paying families.

How do I apply for Free School Meals?

Please visit <u>Free School Meals</u> to understand eligibility and how to apply.
The HAF team does not deal with Free School Meals enquiries.

What does HAF provision look like?

HAF funded places work on the model that a week of provision is 4 days out of 5 and a session is 4 hours as a minimum.

- o 4 weeks in Summer
- 1 week at Easter
- 1 week at Christmas

What are the expectations around the provision of food?

We expect that the food will meet the school food standards, ensuring all children receive a healthy, balanced meal. Providers are required to provide a minimum of one meal a day – this could be breakfast/lunch or tea/diner. The food served through the Programme should (but not must) be hot. There may be exceptional circumstances where a hot meal is not possible, and a cold alternative may be appropriate.

• Do you have any specific SEN provision available?

 At the moment, no. We have engaged with a number of SEN specific providers, but they could not support.

What dates are the clubs running?

 This is provider dependant; clubs run on different days due to premises and availability. Contact the provider direct to confirm or use the <u>booking</u> links on our webpage to identify available dates.

• Can my eligible child sign up mid holiday season?

 In short, yes, but this would be dependent on where there is space. Use the <u>dedicated website</u> to book a place. The booking links should show if places are still available to book.

What if I book my child on to an activity and do not attend?

 The site leads will contact you directly on the day as it may be for unforeseen circumstances. If this happens over a number of days, your space will be released and open for another family.

• What if I have any safeguarding concerns about a HAF provider?

 Email the Education Safeguarding Team immediately <u>edsafeguardingtraining@westberks.gov.uk</u> and ensure you reference that it is HAF club.