

Holiday Activities and Food Winter Programme 20-23 December 2022



Places are now open to enrol your child in the free Holiday Activities and Food programme.

There are free places available for children and young people eligible for free school meals. This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across West Berkshire.

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children (ages 5 to 16) who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Children will be able to access **up to 16 hours of provision between 20th to 23rd December**, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

Please note that different holiday club providers may operate on different days to one another. Please check the HAF webpage for clubs operating over winter.

If you have any queries regarding the HAF programme, please call Hannah Lee, HAF Coordinator on 01635 519084 or email Hannah.lee1@westberks.gov.uk.

In addition to this programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit [Help with Childcare Costs](https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs) (gov.uk) to find out more.

West Berkshire Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The free places are funded by the Department for Education. Visit the [government website](https://www.gov.uk/government) for more information on the national programme.