

# WALSALL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



**Walsall Council are offering all eligible children the opportunity to join our Christmas Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF).**

## **How do I know if my child is eligible?**

For your child to take part in the programme you must live in Walsall, your child must be eligible for income-based free school meals and be aged between 5 and 16 years old.

## **What do we offer?**

The Department for Education's (DfE) funded, Holiday Activity and Food Programme is delivered locally by Walsall Council in partnership with over 60 local providers.

It is aimed at eligible children and young people and their families to provide an opportunity to be active over the Christmas Holidays, meet other children and take part in activities they may not usually get the chance to try.

At each activity, whether it is a holiday club or pick and mix session a healthy meal will be provided.

## **When does the Christmas HAF programme start?**

The activities will take place over the Christmas holidays for four days from **Monday 19 December to Thursday 22 December**.

## **Christmas programme provision**

For the Christmas programme running from **Monday 19 December to Thursday 22 December 2022** your child can choose one of the following options:

### **4-Day Activity Club**

A holiday club providing a range of activities throughout the day. This is for children to engage with a range of activities for at least four hours a day, four days a week, per child.

**OR**

### **Choose up to four session from a range of 'Pick and Mix' activities on offer.**

Children booked to attend pick and mix activities will receive a total of one food box and an activity pack per child.

## How can my child take part?

You should receive a letter in the post with your child's unique HAF code. Once received you will need to register your child, if not already registered, by visiting the website:  
[www.walsall.gov.uk/children\\_and\\_young\\_people/haf\\_signup](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup)



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Once registered, from **1 November 2022**, you will be able to go online and book your child onto the sessions.

## My child is already registered for the HAF programme

If your child is already registered on the programme at some point this year, you are able to log onto your account at anytime, and book on from **1 November 22**. The letter will have on it a unique access code which will be required to access the booking process. If you haven't received a letter or if you are unable to find your code please contact the HAF team by email or by calling the team with your child's name, Date of Birth and your address. Contact details are below:

### If I don't have a code

If you want to see if you have a code, please contact the HAF team by email or by calling the team with your child's name, Date of Birth and your address. Contact details are available below.

## What happens after I have registered and booked my child's activities?

Once you have booked your child's activities, you will receive an email with confirmation. The provider delivering the activity will then contact you to confirm details and discuss any practical arrangements such as arrival times and dietary requirements.

Please ensure that you let the provider know if you need to cancel or amend a booking well in advance where possible. Activities are very popular and if your child is not able to attend it is important that we are able to offer their place to another child to benefit from the programme.

## My child has Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – can they still take part?

Walsall Council has been working closely with local providers to ensure that where possible SEND requirements can be met on activities that are on offer – specific requirements should be discussed with the provider to confirm the arrangements.

## For any further enquiries

Details of how to contact the provider of any of the activities your child is registered on are available on the webpage [www.walsall.gov.uk/children\\_and\\_young\\_people/haf\\_signup](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup)

Please email any questions to [WR4C@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:WR4C@walsall.gov.uk) or call our **Holiday Activities helpline** on **01922 653899** – available from Monday to Friday from 10am until 4pm.