

HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) – Who can access the Programme?

There are free places available on the HAF programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age)* to 16, who:

- Receive benefits-related free school meals

Local authorities have discretion to use some of their funding to provide free or subsidised holiday club places for children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals but who the local authority believe could benefit from HAF provision.

These include:

- Children and young people who have been referred onto HAF by a professional.
- Children and young people assessed by the local authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- Young carers
- Looked-after children or previously looked after children
- Children with an EHC (education, health and care) plan
- Children who have low attendance rates at school or who are at risk of exclusion
- Children living in areas of high deprivation or from low-income households who are not in receipt of free school meals
- Ukrainian guests staying in Shropshire

* Children who are aged 4, who attend a nursery or pre-school are NOT eligible for the HAF programme, unfortunately the programme activities are not suitable. Eligible children aged 4+, must be in full time education and have started school in Reception Class (or equivalent).

The local authority makes the final decision on which children should benefit from the flexible funding element of their HAF funding.