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Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

Dear parent / carer

I am writing to tell you about the upcoming Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) taking place during the summer holidays. HAF runs nation-wide and is funded by the Department for Education (DfE), enabling statutory school aged children in receipt of benefit related free school meals, to access FREE clubs and activities during the Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays. Every eligible child receives a free hot meal, at every HAF activity session they attend.

In Cumbria we are offering an exciting programme of fun activities suitable for all. Clubs and activities are being run by established community groups, creative arts, sports, leisure, and youth organisations. A range of providers offer activities for young people with additional needs but please talk to the provider about your child's needs to make sure it is suitable.

You can book your child up to 16 days of activities, they don't have to all be with the same provider. To make a booking please contact the provider and quote **HAF 1** to prove your free school meal eligibility status. If you have a SEND child who is on free school meals, please quote **HAF 2**.

To see what opportunities are available this summer and how to book, please use the following links:

https://cumberland.gov.uk/holidays http://westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/holidays

We would like to stay in touch for future opportunities, to check if your contact information is up to date please visit: <u>Citizen Portal - Sign in (cumbria.gov.uk)</u>

If you have any questions regarding the programme, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Guy Thompson HAF Project Officer