Winter / Christmas 2022 HAF (Holiday Activities & Food)

Who can access the Programme?

Core Eligibility:
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
- Ukrainian guests staying in Shropshire

Additional Eligibility:

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 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

There are a limited number of free places available for these children and young people on the Shropshire HAF Winter/Christmas programme 2022.

These children and young people can be referred onto the programme by a professional they are working with.

To request a referral onto the programme and be sent a Form to complete, please email HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk

Please note, these referred places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis by the Shropshire HAF Co-Ordinators. Information including a unique code and details of how to book will be sent to the family direct by the HAF Co-Ordinator's.

Shropshire Council makes the final decision on which children and young people should benefit from the flexible funding element of the HAF programme.

The criteria for non-free school meal children and young people participating in the programme are being reviewed for 2023.

* 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).

For more information please **email** HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk