



## **HAF PROGRAMME**

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a government funded programme that provides free holiday clubs for reception to year 11 pupils in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in Lincolnshire over the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays.

Benefits related free school meals are different to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive UIFSM in government funded schools.

The HAF programme is designed to ensure a high-quality experience for children that will result in receiving healthy and nutritious meals and maintaining a healthy level of physical activity. Children who attend HAF develop a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health-related issues and have the opportunity to take part in fun and engaging activities.

Children and young people attending a HAF club will also have the opportunity to have fun, meet new friends, socialise, learn new skills, encounter new experiences and gain confidence whilst enjoying happy, healthy holidays.

### **Eligibility**

School aged children from Reception to Year 11 in receipt of benefits related free school meals in Lincolnshire, have priority in accessing government funded HAF clubs for free.

As in previous HAF delivery periods, schools have discretion to use up to 10% of their funding to provide HAF E-vouchers for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related FSM but who the school believe could benefit from additional support to help strengthen routines and improve school attendance, including:

- Children with low or at-risk attendance (85% or below)
- Children in Reception who are at risk of low attendance

Emerging evidence indicates that participation in HAF programmes can support improvements in school attendance, by helping children maintain routines during holiday periods and by providing access to engaging activities and nutritious food.

**Boston Endeavour Academy Admission Policy for HAF Vouchers**

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In deciding which children should benefit from the 10% E-vouchers, schools should also consider the following groups: -

- Children being supported by targeted services (child in need, child protection or TAF)
- Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities
- Young carers
- Children in care

**Boston Endeavour Academy will allocate the 10% of E-vouchers allocated for those that are not in receipt of benefits-related FSM on a first come first served basis.**