

Haringey's Holiday, Activity and Food Programme (HAF): Annual Report 2023-2024



Introduction to HAF

The Holiday, Activity and Food Programme, funded by the Department for Education, operates in Haringey in the Spring, Summer, and Winter longer school holidays. Families who are in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals can book a range of activities for their children aged 5-16. The main aims of HAF in Haringey are to:

- Provide children and young people with a range of high-quality physical activity, food and enrichment within their local community and further afield
- Encourage participation in new activities and locations, with a focus on inclusive, child-led engagement
- Support a holistic approach to healthy living for the whole family, including signposting to other support
- Build sustainable provision within schools and community organisations



In this report you can read about how Haringey spent its allocation of funding, highlights of the programme, and how it has impacted participants.

HAF 23-24 on video



[Watch the Haringey HAF video trailer here](#)

Highlights in 2023-2024

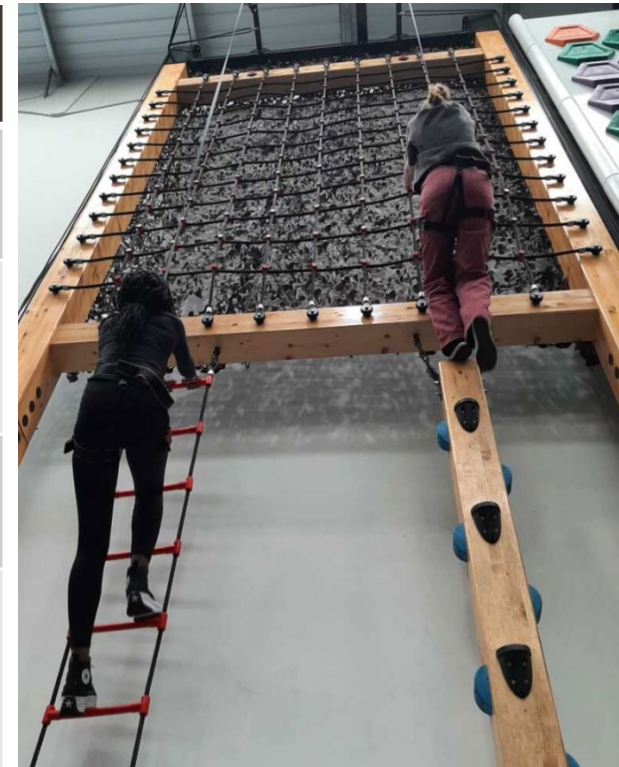
Highlights from 2023-2024 include:

- Programmed activities with a focus on children learning new skills and having new experiences such as cooking, gardening, exposure to non-traditional physical activities such as orienteering, construction, adventure play and physical theatre.
- Trips to London Zoo, Go Karting, Go Ape, Alexandra Palace, Southend on Sea, Pendarren Outdoor Education Centre, Princess Diana Memorial Playground and many more
- Launching a new creative arts strand of the HAF Programme which included delivery from local arts and culture organisations such as Bruce Castle Museum, Rollernation, Bernie Grant Arts Centre and Haringey Shed
- Supporting providers with training in Food Hygiene and Health and Safety, Autism Awareness and First Aid training courses, as well as offering regular 'provider network' meetings to share ideas, feedback and best practice for HAF delivery
- Partnership with HelloFresh, with a donation of food boxes which delivered 800 meal kits to 200 Haringey families over the Christmas holidays

HAF Participation

Of the 9690 children in Haringey who are registered as eligible for HAF, Haringey’s average participation for unique participants across 2023-2024 is 21%.

	EASTER	SUMMER	WINTER
Primary-aged	1163	1968	746
Secondary-aged	692	1194	384
Participants with SEND	384	626	76
Unique Participants	1855	3162	1130



Over 90% of parents surveyed said the camps met their expectations and over 80% reported a reduction in 'screen time' after attending HAF activities.

"This camp was so helpful to me a single parent this summer, I really appreciate the camp. I honestly don't know what i would have done without it."

"yes, my child enjoyed camp so much with his teachers going on trips and being with his friends. thank you so much"

"I had no expectations, but the camp impressed us so much"

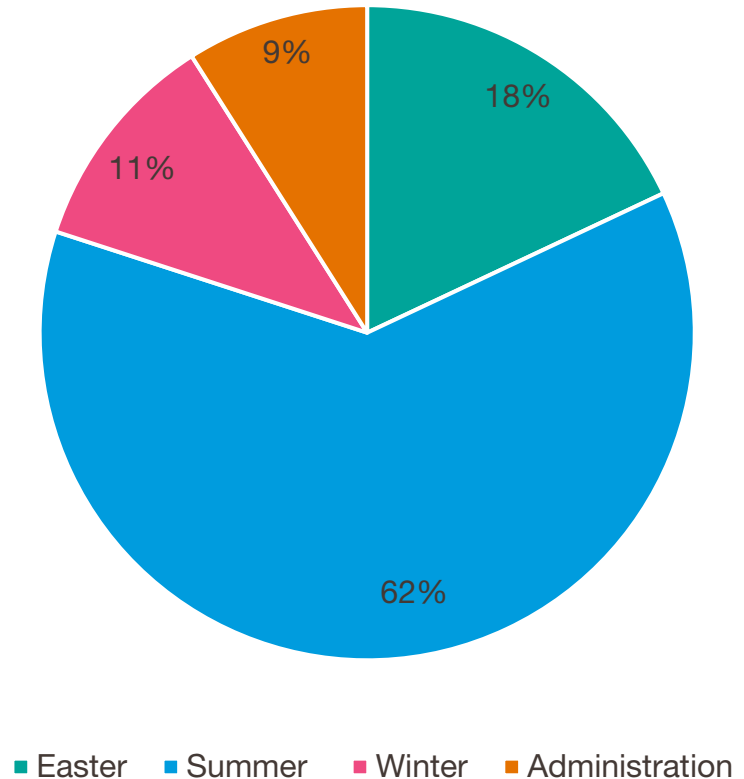
"He had an enjoyable time and it got him to socialise and not be stuck inside the house on a device."

"Staff are always friendly and welcoming, they know my child well and make an effort to be personable. A fantastic experience."

"I'm very grateful for the activities my children took part in, because of lack of funds I couldn't afford to take my children out so these free activities were essential for my family."

Funding

- Haringey was granted £989,970 from the Department for Education to run the HAF Programme from April 2023-2024
- A total of £86,331 was spent on administrative expenditure, including staffing of one full-time HAF Programme Manager and some additional part-time support from Officers from Haringey's Active Communities Team.
- The remaining grant total was spent on programme delivery, broken down into the three holiday periods of Easter, Summer and Christmas funding; 18% was spent on Easter, 62% on Summer and 11% on Winter activities and food.



SEND and Inclusive Practice

- From consultation with parents and other local authorities, our approach to SEND provision and HAF is two-fold: we have a strand of specialist SEND providers who deliver activities on a referral basis, and we also work with mainstream providers to make inclusion embedded in their camps through training and support.
- Our SEND specialist providers include two Special Schools, a SEND adventure playground, and a SEND-Specialist faith-based provider, who also sit within our Short Breaks commissioned core offer.
- We partnered with local charity Ambitious About Autism to produce a HAF and Understanding Autism training and resources for all our providers, to ensure that their HAF settings are inclusive for children with neuro-differences.
- Over the Winter holidays, we placed additional support workers with SEND experience in our mainstream provisions to support those with additional needs.
- Our printed holiday booklet has a key for each activity with an inclusion rating to help families select suitable activities for their children.



Activities for children and young people

Inclusion rating

This year each of our activities will have a coloured rating of what level of support they can provide for their participants. If you/your young person needs additional support, please use the guide below to better identify what level of support activities can provide. If unsure, please contact the provider for more information.

Key: Inclusion

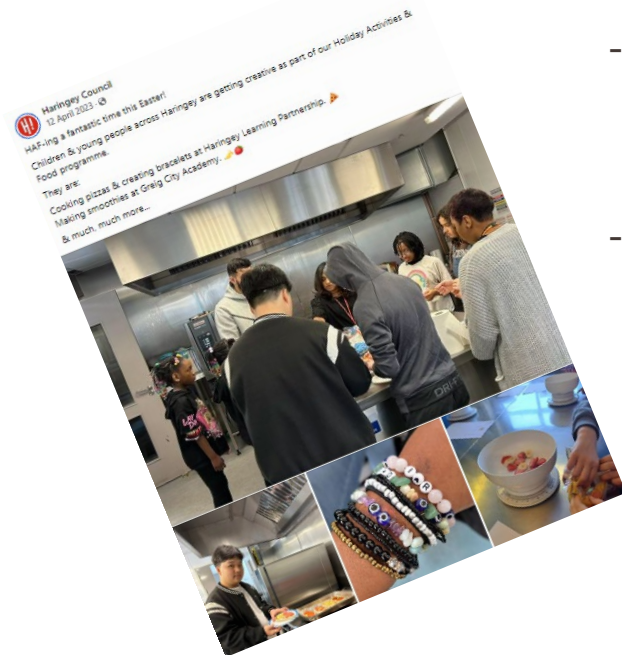
- **Blue rating:** Sessions are open to all, and we can support individuals needing some additional assistance and adapt the activity accordingly, while expecting independent participation for most of the activity.
- **Green rating:** Sessions are open to all, and we can provide support to individuals with higher levels of need, although one-to-one support is not available. We strive to make reasonable accommodations to foster inclusivity.
- **Yellow rating:** The activity is designed to offer tailored support to individuals with high levels of need.

Marketing and Communications

- Our 'Holiday Fun' booklet which is printed and distributed every Summer holiday contains our HAF listings and is available in schools, community spaces and leisure venues, with over 25,000 copies available
- We used social media to promote the programme using Twitter/X, Facebook, local WhatsApp groups for parents and newsletters to spread the word to eligible families to access our dedicated centralised booking website of activities



- We also had visits from local Cllrs and a visit from the Department for Education in Summer 2023. [Watch a video here.](#)
- Our quarterly magazine, Haringey People, ran an article about one of our main food providers and local resident, Jeffrey Simon, in Autumn 2023. [Read the news article here on page 29.](#)



Looking forward: HAF in Haringey in 2024-2025

We are delighted to be able to deliver HAF in Haringey again in 2024-2025, with a grant allocation of £961,490. Our aims for the next 12 months are:

- Increase number of participants aged 13-16 engaging with our HAF programmes through Youth Services partnership
- Have 100% of providers trained in our 'Understanding Autism and HAF' training module
- Expand the arts and non-traditional physical activity elements of the programme to ensure that children and young people are excited and engaged with HAF activity sessions
- Deliver 3 First Aid training sessions/refreshers for HAF providers throughout the year
- Encourage more providers to deliver food in-house to increase sustainability and reduce environmental impact
- Introduce a quality assurance framework for consistency across HAF providers in delivery of the HAF standards

Thank you to all our providers and partners

Awesome Childcare
Bernie Grant Arts Centre
Bruce Castle Museum
CARIS Haringey
Department for Education
Dukes Academy
Film Skool Deluxe
Fortismere School
Fusion Lifestyle
Get with the kids vibe
Gladesmore Community School
Greig City Academy
Haringey Learning Partnership
Haringey Libraries
Haringey Play Association
Haringey Shed
Haringey Youth Service
Holistic Education and Sport Support Services CIC
HR Sports Academy
Kinetic Foundation
Little Cubs
Living Under One Sun

Markfield Project
Metropolitan Thames Valley (MTVH)
Mishon
Morrisons
Our Parks Ltd
Park View School
Positive Role Models CIC
Project 2020
Selby Trust
Shine Clubs Limited
Sports Solutions BLB Ltd
Step by Step London
THE ACCESS TO SPORTS PROJECT
The Brook Special Primary School
The Interlink Foundation
The Willow Primary School
Thru Life CIC
To The Whistle Ltd
Tottenham Hotspur Foundation
Woodside High School
YMCA London City and North