Dear Parents and Carers,

2025 DUDLEY EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

We want to let you know about support that may be available to you during the winter school holidays.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The **HAF** programme:

- Offers Department for Education funded holiday places for children and young people, from Reception to Year 11.
- Allows young people and children to participate in school holiday activities.
 This winter holiday each child can get up to 4 credits. One credit allows you to book one place.
- Includes a healthy meal and snacks.

You are eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if the following applies:

- You live in Dudley, or your child goes to school in Dudley Borough,
- Your child is aged between 5 and 16 years Reception- Year 11 inclusive
- Your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM).
- Vulnerable children not eligible for free school meals may still be able to register for HAF activities but please make sure you read this section on the website before you apply.
- Many families in Dudley could get benefit related free school meals but don't claim for them. If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax – and not including any benefits)

To apply for Free School Meals visit: <u>Free School Meals | Dudley Council</u>
To find out more and check eligibility visit the <u>Dudley Holiday Activities Website</u>
To get live updates about the programme, follow the <u>Dudley HAF Facebook Page</u>

Register via the Dudley Holiday Activities website: Register & book | Dudley HAF Once you have registered and been approved you will get login details. This means you will be able to book HAF activity places when bookings open.

If you have any further queries, please contact the Dudley HAF team at enquiries@hafdudley.co.uk















