



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to let you know that, in conjunction with our brilliant Swindon HAF providers, we are looking forward to running another successful programme over the summer holiday period.

As usual, vouchers will be sent directly from schools to those families who are eligible for the HAF programme. **We have a limited number of spaces available over this period.** We emphasise the importance to book as soon as possible as spaces will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

HAF provision is available from **27th July – 28th August 2026.**

The booking system opens at **12pm on Wednesday 24th June** and will not close until all spaces available are booked.

In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the HAF programme is a popular programme designed to enhance and enrich the holiday periods for families who are eligible. We are all in agreement that we would like to reach as many families as possible and would urge parents to **only book spaces if they are required and with the intention of attending each booked space.**

Though places are free for eligible families, the council does pay for these spaces. We are experiencing a high level of non-attendance for booked spaces which is preventing other children from accessing the limited spaces on the programme. As such, we ask that any necessary requests for cancellations are placed at the earliest possible opportunity. We have asked providers to operate a waiting list, where you will be automatically informed by HolidayActivities if a cancelled space becomes available. Please do consider the necessity of your bookings carefully and work with us to continue to build a fairer and better Swindon.

Please note: if you book a space on a waiting list your voucher has not been used. You must manually return to the site to book this space when it becomes available and there is no priority to the waitlist.

Summer HAF 2026 is the final HAF programme where children who are in currently in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, under the transitional protection period, will qualify. **From 1st September 2026, only those who are eligible for targeted benefits-related free school meals will benefit from the HAF programme.**

If you have any queries regarding the programme, please get in touch via HAF@swindon.gov.uk and the team will be happy to support.

Kind regards,

The HAF Team



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