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**HAF Help: A Guide for Parents
and Carers**

Summer 2026

Contact us :

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Welcome to the Northumberland HAF parent and carer guide

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Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is funded from the Department for Education. Eligible children (those claiming benefit related free school meals) can access a range of funded activities during, Easter, Summer, Christmas school holidays.

The funding is managed and coordinated by Northumberland County Council.

**This guide is to support parents and carers to access the programme.
If you have any additional questions, please contact us on-
haf@northumberland.gov.uk**

We have two types of activities available to book:

Activity Type	Who attends	What's included
Camp Activity	Children attend without parents or carers	Activities, food and at least 4 hours of fun
Family Activity	Children attend with a parent or carer	Child place, 1 Adult place, meal for child

Camps

Holiday camps are fun, structured activities delivered by approved providers across Northumberland.

What's included?

- High-quality activities from approved providers
- A variety of activities depending on the camp
- Venues across Northumberland
- A meal each day
- At least 4 hours of activity each day
- Fully funded places worth £25 per child, per day

Before you book:

Please check the booking information carefully.

- Each camp has its own age range.
- If your child is not the right age for a camp, it will not appear on the booking system.
- Full details are shown in each activity description.
- Children attend without parents or carers.
- If your child can no longer attend, please cancel as soon as possible.

Family Activities

Family activities are for children and young people to enjoy with an adult.

What's included?

- A fully funded place for the child or young person
- A food voucher or meal for the child
- One free adult place with each child's voucher code
- Siblings under 5 can attend free of charge when booked directly with the provider

Important note

- Siblings under 5 cannot use the child's voucher code.
- Please contact the provider directly to book siblings under 5.

Booking information

- Book as soon as possible – some activities fill up quickly.
- If you can no longer attend, please cancel at least 24 hours before the activity.
- This gives another family the chance to book.

It is important that you cancel any places that you cannot attend as this allows other families the opportunity to book on to activities.

Accessibility & Feedback

We want our provision to be as accessible and inclusive as possible.

If you would like to:

- Provide feedback
- Make a suggestion
- Tell us how we can improve

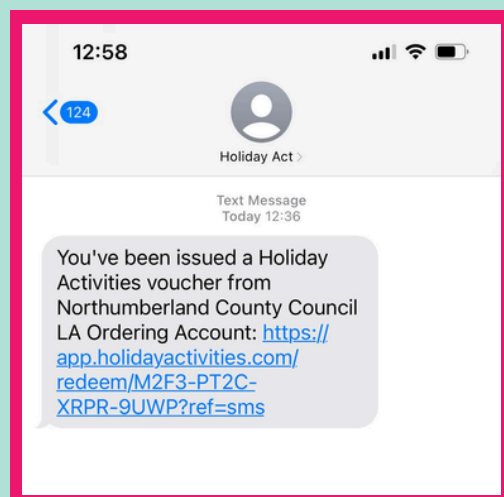
Please email: haf@northumberland.gov.uk

Booking Activities

You will receive a text message and email from Holiday Activities with your voucher and access to the booking platform.

This is an example of the text message.

Once you click the link, you will be sent a secure login link. You do not need a password.



You have been issued a HolidayActivities voucher from Northumberland County Council LA Ordering Account for

Click [here](#) to claim your voucher.

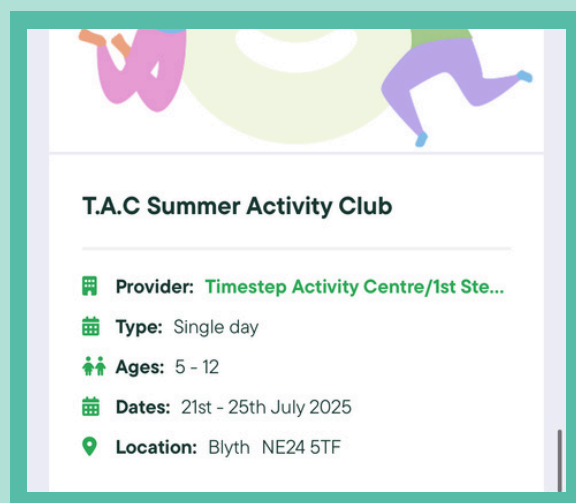
This voucher will allow you to take your child onto free activities in partnership with your Local Authority. A free meal will also be provided as part of the provision. For more information on the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme please contact your local authority.

Once you are in the system, you can view activities available to your child.

Each activity is worth 1 credit and you have a total of 16 credits per child. These cannot be shared and each voucher is unique to the child.

It is important you complete all of the information asked on the booking form, this helps the provider who is organising the activity and secures your child's place.

You can also filter the activities to show the activities within your area.



Please ensure you book activities using the platform, rather than contacting the provider direct. As this could impact future funding.

It is also important that any provision you book and cannot attend is cancelled as soon as possible to allow others to book and providers to prepare.

For additional support on booking, HolidayActivities have lots of useful guides including videos on their website- www.holidayactivities.com

HolidayActivities App

HolidayActivities have launched a new app for parents/carers making it easier to book activities and manage your places.

We encourage all parents and carers to download the HolidayActivities app to access and book a wide range of holiday clubs and activities for children.

Using the app, you can:

- Browse local activities available for your child
- Book places quickly and easily
- Receive important updates and information

The app is the simplest way to book places and access your child's bookings.

Download for free from the App Store or Google Play. Scan the QR code below, or search HolidayActivities within your app store.



IOS / Apple



Google/Android

Every child should feel included and comfortable when accessing HAF activities in Northumberland.

Most activities are open to all, and we also run extra options for those who need a quieter or a more supported setting.

We work closely with Northumberland Parent Carer Forum and parents to gain tools and feedback that we can use to continuously improve our offering.

SEN Activities for Summer half term

Full details and option to book can be found on the platform, however, here are some of the activities available for Summer:

- SEN Specific SURF Sessions with NE Surf (Bamburgh)
- Camp Activities & Sensory Shuttle (Blyth)
- Relaxed Swim sessions with Places for Leisure
- Cambois School Camp (Cambois Students)
- TANGA (Hexham)
- The Nurture Project CIC, Haydon Bridge (1:1 places available, subject to availability)

If you are unsure if a provider can meet the needs of your child, please do drop them a message on the platform, as they are all very happy to help.

We are always looking to grow our offer and ensure we are meeting the needs of children and families so please do share ideas with us at haf@northumberland.gov.uk.

Camps Available this Summer

North Northumberland

- Community@NE66 Charitable Trust – Alnwick Community Centre, Alnwick
- NE Surf - SEN specific – Bamburgh / Seahouses / Beadnell
- NE Surf – Bamburgh / Seahouses / Beadnell
- JAG ART 82 – East Ord Village Hall, Berwick-upon-Tweed
- PGL Travel Ltd (PGL Beyond) – Ford Castle, Berwick-upon-Tweed
- Hadston House Youth and Community Projects Ltd – Hadston House Youth and Community Projects, Hadston, Morpeth NE65 9SF

West Northumberland

- Kalma Life Hexham Prudhoe and Morpeth – Haltwhistle Primary Academy
- Hexham Youth Initiative – Various venues in and around Hexham
- STEAM Ahead CIC – Prudhoe West Academy
- Active Future West Northumberland – Hexham First School / Prudhoe Community High School / Ovingham Middle School
- Green Croft Arts Ltd – The Threshing Barn, Gilsland
- Debbi's Doodles CIC – Tanners House, Hexham
- Tanga Club – Target Wood, near Oakwood, Hexham
- Bellingham Partnership of Schools – Bellingham Primary School
- Stomping Grounds North East CIO – Dukes Hagg Wood, Prudhoe
- Sarah Dobbs / Aria Art and Movement CIC – Newton and Bywell Community Hall
- Stony Pasture – Land off Brunton Bank, Wall
- BROOMLEY GRANGE – Broomley Grange, Stocksfield
- The Nurture Project – Haydon Bridge

Central Northumberland

- Solidarity Farm CIC – Coldside Farm, Netherwitton, Morpeth
- Sports Camps NE – Ponteland Community Primary School
- Youth Bridge NE CIC – NE61 5QL
- Northside Surf School – Cresswell, Northumberland NE61 5LA

South East Northumberland

- Northumberland Futsal t/a Active Future Northumberland – Dukes Academy / Seghill Community Centre / Ellington Primary School / St Bede's RC Primary / Cramlington Learning Village / Bedlington Football Factory
- Challenge Northumberland Ltd – Hareside Primary School
- Mighty Minds CIC (Muay Thai Mindset) – East Hartford Community Centre, Cramlington
- Mighty Minds CIC (Surfing) – Blyth Beach
- Rebecca Maxwell Tutoring Ltd – Blyth
- Guardian Training UK – Seaton Valley Federation, Seaton Delaval
- Mortal Fools – Ashington Family Hub / Hirst Welfare Centre, Ashington
- Cambois Primary School – Cambois
- Unite Club – Blyth Central Family Hub / L of A Bake Café, Blyth
- Off the Grid Adventures CIC – Dukes School
- Cramlington in the community – Sports Pavilion, East Hartford, Cramlington
- 1st Footy NE – Ellington Juniors Football Club, Ellington
- Apex Academy – Cramlington Town FC, East Hartford Playing Fields
- Bacmans Community – Lynemouth Miners Institute, Lynemouth
- Formation Education – Spencer Court, Blyth
- MJ Sports Stars – Cramlington Village Primary School
- Blyth South Beach Surf School – Dave Stephens Centre, South Beach, Blyth
- Odo Sports – SS Peter and Paul's Primary Academy, Cramlington and Bede Academy North, Blyth

Additional opportunities for Teenagers (Aged 13+)

We believe young people have a powerful role to play in shaping their communities. That's why we offer exciting leadership and volunteering opportunities for teenagers aged 13 and over. As an additional opportunity to booking on camp and family activities.

Young Leaders Programme

The Young Leaders Programme supports teenagers to:

- Volunteer on our sessions and activities
- Support younger children and act as positive role models
- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Build confidence and teamwork skills
- Gain recognised AQA Unit Awards
- Young Leaders receive guidance and mentoring from staff while developing real-life experience that supports college, sixth form and future employment applications.

Youth Pioneers Programme

We are working with five Northumberland organisations to deliver an exciting pioneers programme through 2026. To find out more, please speak to one of the pioneer providers- Community@NE66 (Alnwick), JAG ART 82 (Berwick), Youth Bridge NE (Widdrington), Off the Grid (Ashington), Hexham Youthy (Hexham).

What Are the Benefits?

By taking part, young people can:

- Strengthen CVs and personal statements
- Gain accredited AQA awards
- Develop employability skills
- Build confidence and resilience
- Make new friends
- Give back to their community
- Take part in fun exciting activities

If your teenager is interested in getting involved, please contact us on - haf@northumberland.gov.uk

Frequently asked questions

<p>I am in receipt of FSM and have not received a voucher.</p>	<p>Please check your junk mail, for an email from – hello@holidayactivities.com or visit https://app.holidayactivities.com/login and enter your email address. If you have a code issued to your email, you will be sent a secure login link. If you do not receive a code, please email – haf@northumberland.gov.uk</p>
<p>I have a child under 5 who is in receipt of FSM and has not received a voucher.</p>	<p>The HAF programme is for ages 5-16 (18 if SEND). Children who are under 5 can still take part in the family activities if they are attending with a sibling who has a voucher code. But these places must be booked with the provider.</p>
<p>Has HAF replaced the food supermarket vouchers?</p>	<p>No, HAF is funding from the Department for Education, the school holiday supermarket vouchers were funded through the Household Support Fund. This funding has now changed and supermarket vouchers will no longer be issued.</p>
<p>Are adults places funded?</p>	<p>There is one paid for adult place per voucher code for the family activities . If you have booked for an activity such as Bowling through Places Leisure, this booking is for up to 6 people.</p> <p>For any additional adult places on an activity, please contact the provider directly to book and pay for this place.</p>
<p>Do adults also receive a meal?</p>	<p>Only child places receive a voucher for a meal during the activity. In some cases, if the activity involves a meal this may be provided at the providers discretion.</p>
<p>When do bookings close?</p>	<p>Each provider has their own cut off for provision to be booked.</p> <p>We advise you place your bookings for activities as soon as you are issued your code. Places are also limited per activity, so by booking as soon as possible this ensures you can secure your space on your chosen activities</p>
<p>I have additional children who are not of school age can they attend family activities</p>	<p>Yes- However, these must be booked directly with the provider ahead of the activity. If places are not booked, you may be refused on the day due to the capacity.</p>
<p>I would like to see more provision that's suitable for my child or closer to my area</p>	<p>We are always looking for new providers and feedback to meet the needs of children and families. Please email – haf@northumberland.gov.uk with any suggestions/feedback.</p>
<p>The platform has asked for a pin number</p>	<p>This is a generic question on the form. We have a mixture of camp/family activities on the platform, please read each description as some activities may be child only, where you drop them off and collect them at the time on the booking.</p>
<p>A provider has said I am unable to attend their provision</p>	<p>Each provider has their own criteria. Some provision may only be available to children within their school or within their area. Providers will often source additional funding for their provision, which means they can only open to children within their area.</p>

THE NORTH EAST MAYOR'S LOCAL CHILDCARE GRANT NORTHUMBERLAND

This grant aims to support people to return to work, education or training, or to increase their working hours.

By supporting with any childcare funding barriers for pre school and school aged childcare.

The support may include:

- Support to find suitable childcare provision
- Grant funding paid directly to the provider
- Wraparound/School holiday childcare
- Early Years Childcare

MORE INFORMATION

✉ espl@northumberland.gov.uk



Eligibility Criteria:

The Parent/Carer and child(ren) must live in Northumberland

The Parent/Carer may be:

- Unemployed
- In training or education
- Economically inactive
- Looking to increase working hours to access government-funded childcare for working families



We love to hear your feedback on the HAF activities,
scan the QR code below to complete a feedback
survey.



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