WALSALL RIGHT 4 CHILDREN HOLIDAY FOOD AND ACTIVITY PROGRAMME SUMMER 2021 EVALUATION REPORT



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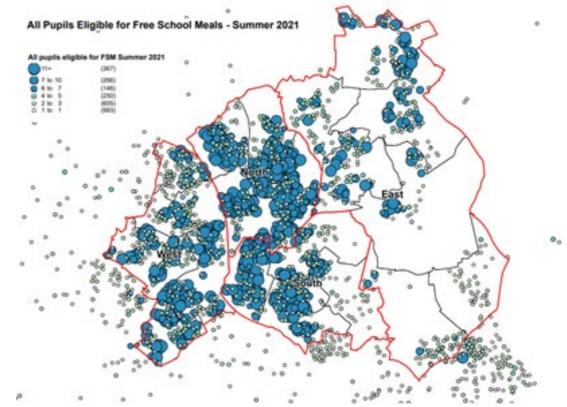


PROUD OF OUR PAST OUR PRESENT AND FOR OUR FUTURE



OUR SUMMER PROGRAMME DELIVERY

In Walsall we have 14,197 children in Walsall schools whose parents claim free school meals. Of these 13,592 live in Walsall.



We are proud to have increased the number of delivery partners from 27 in Easter 2021 to 47 in the summer. Providers were asked to develop an exciting, engaging and enriching programme of activities to meet a range of children and young people needs. Eligible children and young people were able to access a range of activities from 52 sites across Walsall

Over the summer we are confident that many of the 3,000 children engaged with the programme will not only make a positive transition back into education in September but will also remain connected to local support, which will make a significant contribution to improving the lived experiences of children in Walsall.





BREATHING

MINDFUL EATING





BODY SCAN

WE DELIVERED



 $140\,$ different holiday face-to-face provision (Holiday Clubs) providing a range of .



36 different courses to provide children with specific skills including, dance, music, swimming, sports coaching, youth work training, fishing, mentoring





795 families indicated that they wanted to receive more information and as a result they received an email lots of useful information. In addition to this both Street Teams and School Nurses attended provider settings to support parents and young people.



350 Activity Packs distributed



6406 recipe boxes were sent out. Complimentary Healthy recipe boxes available each week to every child.

We increased the uptake from **1866 (13.5% of FSM)** children during Easter to 2995 in summer (21% of FSM).



77% of these were primary school aged children and 23% secondary school aged children. 16% were children with Special Educational need or Disability (SEND).



Some quotes we have received

Children got active, sleeping pattern did not disturb, waking up with every day excitement for activities and fun. I must say this Playscheme is a brilliant idea for those single parents like me who can carry on going to work without any hesitation. Single parent do find hard during holidays because like me have no family to look after the children during holidays. Bonus is that at the end of week we get food parcels too. I really appreciate you and salute to your service. Thank you to all your hard work and friendly staff . Big thank you to everyone. God bless you all



Thank you so much my children my child has autism and physical disabilities he never eat different things but the different ingredients that you gave made him curious he actually ate the regetable goulash he loved it made me so happy

I have been able to continuing working part time throughout the holidays as I have a flexible boss that allowed me to fit around the availability of summer activities. The children have been kept entertained with varving courses, sports camps & pick and mix meaning I have managed to spare Annual Leave for other holidays

later in the year

My children have really enjoyed attending your sessions and have had really positive things about the activities and the staff, this has been the first year that we have attended and I would recommend to others with children with similar needs and backgrounds, Thank you to all of you who have assisted from helping me register and adding my children on to groups to the fantastic staff you have running the sessions they are a credit

"I have very much enjoyed being involved. The entire HAF team have been very friendly and easy to deal with. Also, incredibly organised and supportive to the providers."

Been single mum suffering from mental health & get really anxious all the time this was fun for girls & they both engage. They watched the videos how to cook & chopping veg's really enjoyed eating the food.

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"Walsall Council HAF team have been a pleasure and refreshing to work with. We would love to help you develop this scheme into a national flagship programme."

I absolutely love the fact that these activities were available to us. And being free was a bonus. I am usually so stressed trying to find activities or places to take the kids and I'm limited with my budget and transport but these activities have been a dream! Kids loved them! It's kept them occupied and I've had the easiest summer holidays ever! Thankyou!!!!!!

HAF has been a lifeline for her child this summer holiday. He is in the process of transitioning to secondary school and with their lack of transition opportunities due to COVID 19 His anxiety was high about going to a new school. The HAF programme has helped her child develop independence, social skills and confidence to meet new people and attend new places all of which are skills that are needed to transition into secondary school life. The activities have provided a level of structure and stimulation that as a parent who works she was unable to do so. She wanted to thank you and the providers for creating a memorable summer holiday'.

IMPACT- CHILDREN BEING HAPPY, HEALTHY, LEARNING WELL

We received 1010 completed evaluations from children and young people who attended all our summer provision.

102 parents completed the post evaluation programme.

Some of the findings were...







8% made them more activate and move around

56% of children felt good/happy before the activity this increased to

93% feeling happy after they attended the activity



82% said the holiday activities had taught them something new

78% of parents said HAF had been a big help:

- Saved money 73%
- Gave me a break **65%**
- Help my person well being/mental health 53%
- Improved relationship with my child/ children 44%

Benefits of the recipe boxes:

- New meal ideas 65%
- Saved money **47%**
- Tried/introduced new food 49%
- Learned new cooking skills **41%**
- **36%** reported to cook fresh meals more often
- 40% reported to involve children in cooking more often

LESSONS LEARNT AND PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS

Success of summer delivery:

- We will continue the collaborative approach between a wide range of partners to ensure we bring variety to the programme, are able to build sustainable local relationships for children and families and develop capacity for further preventative locality work.
- The range of activities over summer delivery for children and young people. •
- Improved relationship of children, young people and with community services
- Central website which includes a central registration and booking system and gives providers direct access so they can manage their own bookings.
- inclusively to children and young people with complex special educational and medical needs.
- Complimentary healthy recipe boxes and the activity packs into the provision to encourage family time and healthy • eating beyond the activity programme.
- Relationship of children and young people within the community

New developments we want to implement in Christmas:

- family activities, courses, virtual sessions and activity packs
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- To improve Special Education needs and Disability (SEND) provision, we will work with our local groups and parents / carers and children to develop a larger offer
- Complimentary healthy recipe boxes to be delivered directly to homes.



Additional expert support to providers through pulling on our short break buddying pool so they can deliver more

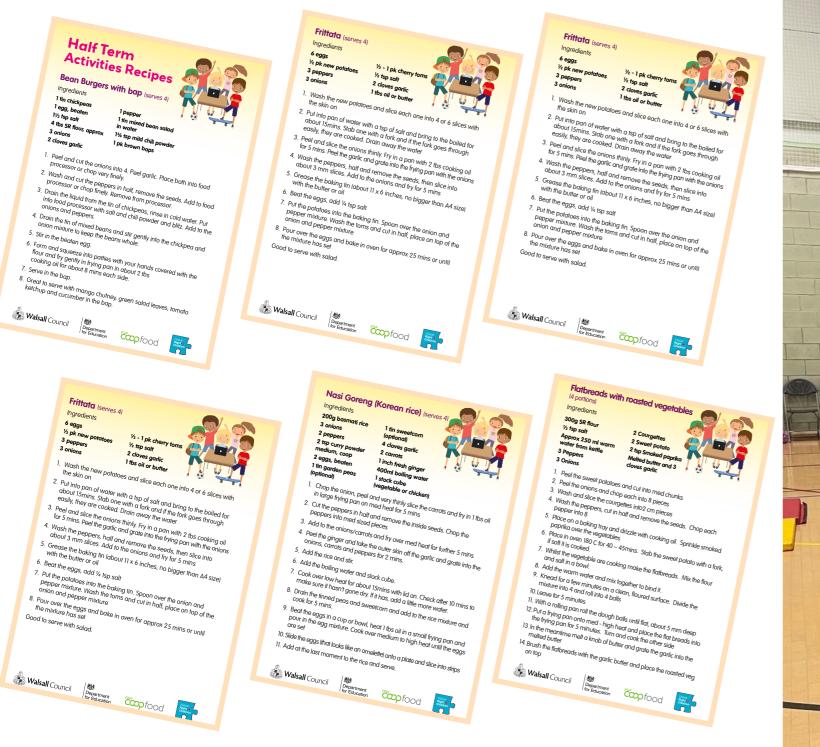
For Christmas 2021 we want to build on the success of the summer programme and include more holiday clubs,

We will seek to recruit more volunteers from within the community to help with uptake and engagement of children

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Community Association Frank F Harrison Community Association	Hope Autism Network	THE INSPIRE Inspire Group	Giving disabled children a brighter future for 80 years Kids
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Walsall Leisure	Walsall Libraries	Walsall Outdoor Pursuits	Willenhall Chart Centre
Lighthouse	Youth Connect	One Walsall	Community Foot Prints
Midland Langar Seva society	NASH DOM CIC	Sports Plus Scheme LTD	Pinfold Street primary school





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