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Dear parent/carer

### **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

The Department for Education (DfE) has made funds available to every local authority in England to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities. The programme will cover the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. The funding is for children who receive benefits-related free school meals (Reception to Year 11).

Please note: In addition to the HAF programme, Warwickshire County Council will separately be providing the Winter Grant scheme payment to eligible families for the Easter holidays.

### **Warwickshire HAF Programme – Easter 2021**

We are working hard to coordinate a Warwickshire programme for the Easter holidays. A condition of the DfE grant is the requirement to make available up to 4 hours of activities over 4 days of the Easter holidays to eligible children and young people. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions and a short timeframe for planning and preparation, the scale of the Easter offer will be limited. However, we are keen to provide an opportunity for as many eligible children and young people as possible to attend an activity to get the local HAF programme underway.

The programme will be increased and more comprehensive in the summer and will cover 4 weeks of the holidays over 4 days per week and 4 hours per day. This will provide a much wider choice of activities.

### **Our local approach – booking and accessing the programme activities**

As your child is eligible to take part in this programme, we would like to make you aware of it so that you can take advantage of the support available.

Warwickshire holiday activities are advertised on WCC (Warwickshire County Council) Children and Families

webpages, <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies>. HAF activities will be identifiable by a **HAF logo**.

### **Action for parents**

- Go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies) to search the holiday activities that are on offer.
- Activities identified by the **HAF logo** can be booked using the code below.
- Contact your chosen holiday activity provider to make a booking.

- Use the code below as payment for the activity.

### **Your HAF code**

Please use the HAF code shown below to access free holiday activities in Warwickshire at Easter:

HAF 937/7006

Your HAF code enables you to book up to 4 days of activities per eligible child. This can include a combination of activities on different days.

This is a unique code to be used for your child(ren) only. Codes will be monitored by activity providers.

If you would like your child to attend a HAF activity at Easter, and you aren't able to find a suitable activity please contact the Family Information Service 01926 742274 who may be able to support you to find something suitable.

### **Further Information**

For any queries regarding the HAF programme please email [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk).

Kind regards

Warwickshire HAF Programme Team

