



Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme

HAPpy

Do you work with low-income or vulnerable families?

Here's how to signpost them to FREE HAPpy school summer holiday provision

What is the Holiday Activity Programme (HAPpy)?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a scheme for school-age children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (BR-FSM). In Hertfordshire, it is branded as the Holiday Activity Programme (HAPpy).

The programme offers FREE holiday activity places to eligible children during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays. Each programme day is a minimum of 4 hours long and includes physical activity such as sport or dance, enrichment or creative time and a daily meal. All camps are SEND-inclusive and SEND-specific camps are also available for those with more profound needs (session lengths may vary for SEND-specific camps).

Who is eligible?

- Children and teens from Reception to Year 11 who live in Hertfordshire and get benefits-related free school meals can attend this fully funded provision.
- A limited number of places are also available on a referral basis for children who are experiencing vulnerability, for example:
 - Those assessed as in need, at risk or vulnerable
 - Children living in areas of high deprivation or from low-income households
 - Looked-after or previously looked-after children
 - Children with an EHCP
 - Children with low attendance rates/ risk of exclusion
 - Children struggling with transition between different phases of school
 - Migrant refugees and asylum seekers
 - Young carers

Referral applications must be made by an appropriate professional or organisation on behalf of the child. Referral places are intended for those who do not have the means to afford equivalent provision.



Key dates timeline

- **4th June** – Unique booking codes go out to schools from this date for distribution to parents
- **27th June** – Bookings go live from midday on this day
- **29th July to 30th August** – HAPpy Camps summer programme runs between these dates

Early booking is advised, however, bookings can be made up to 29/8/24 subject to availability and cancellation spaces may become available throughout delivery

Accessing HAPpy

- **Parents and guardians of children receiving benefits-related free school meals (BR-FSM)** will receive a unique booking code via email from school and can book direct once booking opens.
- **If a child is eligible, but not registered for, BR-FSM** parents/guardians can apply via bit.ly/HertfordshireFSM
- **Professionals or organisations wishing to refer a child without automatic eligibility** to be considered for access to the programme should contact us by email via haf@herts.ac.uk. (A fuller guide to the referral process can be provided if required at that stage). Codes will be issued via the referrer in these cases.



In any case, once a code is received bookings can be made at:
bit.ly/SPS24BookHAPpy



HAPpy testimonials

"Can't wait to come back in the summer holiday", "Other children are nice and I felt happy", "I learnt how to use new equipment" – children attending previous HAPpy Camps

"I've been struggling a lot lately, having this time for myself and them having something to do is amazing." – Mother of children awaiting SEND assessment

"R started quietly but is now full of energy and excited each morning to come in. As her confidence has grown, she has loved helping those around her, engaging with the activities and wanting to know what is next." – Happy Camp organiser



For more information



bit.ly/SPS24AboutHAPpy

Please signpost eligible families to this valuable programme

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