

## Freedom of Information – Response – 27086

*I am working on a project investigating the impact of school holidays on children's health and behavioural outcomes. As part of this research, we are seeking information on the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme to better understand its reach and implementation across local authorities in England.*

*To assist with this research, please provide any available data, by year for the period 2018–2025 (or the fullest extent available), for each district council within the county, in relation to the following points:*

*1. how much of the allocated HAF funding local authorities have spent each year*

2018	NA	Not delivering in 2018
2019	NA	Do not have this data
2020	NA	Do not have this data
2021	1,482,260.64	
2022	2,228,208.95	
2023	2,210,618.00	
2024	1,983,147.74	
2025	2,194,869.40	This is an estimate as the year is not yet complete - March 2025-April 2026

*2. the overall number of unique children who participated in the programme in each year*

2018	NA	Not delivering in 2018
2019	NA	Do not have this data
2020	NA	Do not have this data
2021	10591	
2022	24264	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2023	40360	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2024	10321	

2025	13117	
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*3. the overall number of unique children in receipt of FSMs who participated in the programme in each year*

2018	NA	Not delivering in 2018
2019	NA	Do not have this data
2020	NA	Do not have this data
2021	8025	
2022	10074	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2023	16733	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2024	5697	
2025	6605	

*4. the number of children with SEND or additional needs who have participated in the programme in each year*

2018	NA	Not delivering in 2018
2019	NA	Do not have this data
2020	NA	Do not have this data
2021	1569	
2022	2355	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2023	5597	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2024	2128	
2025	4415	

*5. the number and proportion of children who are in the primary school age range, the secondary school age range, and any children outside of those age ranges who attended the programme in each year*

2018	NA	NA	Not delivering in 2019
2019	NA	NA	Do not have this data
2020	NA	NA	Do not have this data
2021	Primary	8629	
2021	Secondary	1962	
2022	Primary	20190	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2022	Secondary	4074	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2023	Primary	29786	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2023	Secondary	6535	This is number of sessions attended as reported to the DfE, not unique children
2024	Primary	6863	
2024	Secondary	3459	
2025	Primary	8354	
2025	Secondary	4763	

**6. how the allocated 6 weeks of HAF are divided between the summer, Easter and Christmas holidays in each year**

	Easter	Summer	Winter	
2018	NA	NA	NA	Not delivering in 2019
2019	NA	NA	NA	Do not have this data
2020	NA	NA	NA	Do not have this data
2021	19 days	37 days	17 days	we cover the holidays from the first day till the last and have activities taking part on most days (excluding Christmas day etc)
2022	17 days	38 days	17 days	we cover the holidays from the first day till the last and have activities taking part on most days (excluding Christmas day etc)
2023	18 days	35 days	17 days	we cover the holidays from the first day till the last and have activities taking part on most days (excluding Christmas day etc)

2024	17 days	36 days	17 days	we cover the holidays from the first day till the last and have activities taking part on most days (excluding Christmas day etc)
2025	18 days	39 days	17 days	we cover the holidays from the first day till the last and have activities taking part on most days (excluding Christmas day etc)

**7. length of sessions offered in each year.**

Sessions through the Holiday Activities and Food programme vary in length Suffolk County Council do not hold this information in a way that is reportable on and to do so would likely engage a s.12 exemption however, if there is a particular activity provided through the fund that you are interested in we may be able to provide you with information on the length of time of the specific activity. for example a swimming session would be on average 1 and a half hours, whereas a sports activity could be 8 hours.