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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Holiday Activities and Food

We have received the following information:

The HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme is back again this Christmas providing free, high-quality holiday clubs and experiences for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals. Activities take place across Buckinghamshire and include sports, dance, adventure activities, day trips, family pantomime and meal events and much more. There is a healthy hot meal for all children at each activity. Visit the HAF website (www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/haf) to see all the fun activities on offer for all ages this Christmas.

Each child or young person can attend up to 4 HAF club sessions over the Christmas holiday. Parents need to book directly with the HAF club provider and to provide their unique HAF code to book their child's place at a HAF club session. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and are free of charge to eligible children and young people. There is information for families on how to book HAF clubs at [HAF activity finder \(https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/advice-and-support/buckinghamshire-haf/haf-christmas-activity-providers/\)](https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/advice-and-support/buckinghamshire-haf/haf-christmas-activity-providers/).

You will be aware that we are using the Household Support Fund to provide eligible children with a £30 digital code this Christmas school holiday. The code can be redeemed for use at one or more of the following supermarkets: Asda, Aldi, Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Farmfoods, Iceland, Waitrose or M&S Food. Individual pupil letters will be issued to schools over the next few days and will include a digital code for each eligible child or young person. All children who received a voucher for the October school holiday, have one again this holiday. Please can you distribute each of these individual pupil letters to the appropriate parent or carer before the beginning of the school holiday.

In the past we have received a number of enquiries from parents who believe they are eligible to receive the voucher, but have not received them. Could we please once again ask that in the first instance parents are directed to your school to inform them if they are eligible. If they are, could you please notify the parent that you will be requesting a voucher on their behalf. If you could then

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complete the attached spreadsheet and return it to us (via AnyComms Plus so it's secure), we can then create the voucher letter for you to share with them. To enable the request to be processed before the school holiday, all requests will need to be with us by **midday on Friday 16th December**.

Should you receive queries from parents who are not eligible for the scheme, can you please notify them of this directly.

As a reminder:

If parents have problems redeeming their code, they can visit [Select Essentials](#) (<http://www.buckinghamshirecouncil.select-essentials.co.uk>) and enter their 16-digit unique code manually.

If they have a problem with this they can complete the [online contact form](#) (<https://buckinghamshirecouncil.select-essentials.co.uk/ContactUs>) or call 0344 693 9901, open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Saturday and 9am to 6pm on Sunday, closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

If both of these options have been explored and they still need to speak to us, can we ask that they please complete the following [voucher help form](#) (www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/foodvouchers).

Previous holiday support schemes have worked incredibly well with your support. We understand that this is a really busy time for schools and we would like to thank you in advance for your support in delivering these important schemes.

Kind regards,
The Helping Hand Team and the HAF Team

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