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Introduction

- Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a Department for Education (DfE) funded programme
- Gives access to holiday activities and food to school aged children (reception to year 11) who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals
- Delivered across the Spring, Summer and Winter school holidays
- Delivered by a wide range of commissioned providers, schools and the Youth Service across the borough

Aims

The aims are for children and young people to:-

Receive healthy and nutritious meals

Maintain a healthy level of physical activity

Be happy, have fun and meet new friends

Develop a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health related issues

Take part in fun and engaging activities that support development and wellbeing

Feel safe and secure

Get access to the right support services

Return to school feeling engaged and ready to learn

Enfield 2025 Highlights

- Established use of booking system issuing vouchers to all children in receipt of benefits related free school meals and a parent app introduced to make bookings easier
- Supporting local business through use of local providers and caterers
- Increase in additional food available for children to take home through partnerships with local businesses and charities
- Summer Uni partnership established to boost numbers of secondary age children
- Continued increase in provision for eligible children with SEND who require additional adult support
- Increased number of food hygiene inspections for HAF providers

Funding

- DfE HAF budget allocation April 2025 – March 2026 = £1,626,300
- Budget was spent as follows

	Total
Spend	£1,463,670.00
Administration costs*	£162,630.00
	£1,626,300.00

- The DfE funding allows for up to 10% of the total allocation to be used to cover administration costs. This was used to fund salaries for the HAF delivery team and administration support

HAF attendance – numbers of individual children attending

Holiday period	Primary	Secondary	Primary SEND	Secondary SEND
Easter 2025 (up to 4 days)	1318	495	323	134
Summer 2025 (up to 16 days)	1899	703	541	187
Winter 20245(up to 4 days)	1313	381	138	73
February half term 2026 (up to 4 days)	77	53	16	31

Providers

Enfield had the following number of providers delivery at each holiday period:

Easter 2025	Summer 2025	Winter 2025	February half term 2026
30 Providers	33 Providers	24 Providers	2 Providers
41 Venues	51 Venues	37 Venues	4 Venues

The providers who delivered HAF programmes included schools, charities, the youth service, supplementary schools, social enterprises and other types of organisations.

To ensure that the programmes were in line with the DfE requirements, a quality assurance visit was conducted for each provider. This ensures that the children and young people who attended received the best possible service.

HAF Steering Group

The HAF steering group includes membership from the following groups

- Education
- Youth Service
- Public Health
- Early Years and Childcare
- Communications
- Voluntary and Community sector
- Social care
- SEND & Short breaks team
- Early Help
- Parent Voice

Food

- Children who attended provision across Enfield were provided with at least one nutritious meal a day and snacks
- All food provided met school food standards
- Providers are inspected by the Food Safety Team
- Providers sourced their own caterers or cooked in house

“Loved the food and
some food my child
may not eaten
before”

“Yes, they loved the day
they made the healthy
wraps as they got to cut up
their own veg and choose
what went in to it”



Enriching Activities

All HAF programmes include enriching activities each day

These cover a wide range of activities some of which include:-

Days out including: -

- Park visits
- Quasar
- JumpIn
- Local theatre
- Cinema
- Golf
- Nature walks
- Fishing
- Fruit picking
- Emergency services visits

Arts and crafts including: -

- Jewellery making
- Card making
- Photography
- Painting

- Bracelet making
- Doorstop making
- Jewellery making
- Tie dye t-shirts and socks
- Slime making
- Graffiti wall

Performing arts including: -

- Drama workshops
- Dance
- Story telling
- Music workshops
- DJing and singing
- Creative play

Outside agencies supporting programme delivery: -

- Cooking
- Birds of Prey
- Drama
- Healthy eating
- First aid
- Petting zoo
- Pantomime

Others: -

- Board games
- Treasure hunts
- Gardening



Physical Activities

As part of the application process, we review providers programme schedules which show planned physical activities for each day to ensure there is varied range of activities on offer to keep children and young people engaged. During our quality assurance visits we see the enjoyment of children and young people taking part in various physical activities.

There is a very wide range of physical activities at each programme including football, tennis, basketball, gym sessions, boxing, bouncy castles, water gun races, indoor games, wheelchair basketball, netball, tennis, dodge ball, archery, speed stacking, athletics and cricket



Nutritional Education and the promotion of healthy living / lifestyles

- Each provider in their application has to outline the nutritional education activities that they will deliver, and, on our quality, assurance visits we either see these activities or ask for evidence of these.
- The Enfield Public Health team put together a booklet for us to share with providers which has lots of idea of how to deliver this element of the programme. This has been very well received particularly from those providers who had not delivered such activities before.
- The most successful way of involving children and talking to them about nutritious food is through cooking which continues to be a very popular holiday programme activity.
- We also sent out a PowerPoint each week for providers to share with parents which had recipes and signposting information each week.



Signposting and referrals

Each provider has different methods of signposting but centrally we give each provider information about: -

- [Cost of living support](#)
- [Community hubs](#)
- [Best Start in Life](#)
- [Enfield's local offer for SEND](#)
- [Food pantries](#)
- [Benefits and money advice](#)
- [Health and wellbeing](#)
- [The Felix Project](#)
- [Early Help Directory - Community services for the London Borough of Enfield](#)
- Kooth is a self-referral service digital mental health platform which can be accessed by young people in Enfield aged 10 to 25 online and also adults until 10pm every single day of the year – [sign up to Kooth](#).
- Where to eat for free or less each holiday period

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SEND provision

- The Enfield HAF programmes are committed to supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Each provider must have at least 12% of spaces available for children with SEND who do not require additional staffing support and offer activities that are diverse and inclusive
- We also offer specialist programmes for children with SEND who need additional support

Marketing and Communication

We use many forms of marketing including: -

- Enfield council website <https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/holiday-activity-and-food-programmes>
- Vouchers issued to each child in receipt of benefits related FSM
- Schools
- Libraries
- Enfield community hubs
- Council departments including social services, sports development, youth justice, disability service and through council methods of communication including newsletters
- Council newsletters to residents
- Headteachers monthly forums
- Youth Service
- Newspapers
- Social media including Instagram, Facebook and X
- Each provider also carries out their own marketing including leafleting, banners, assemblies and speaking to parents at the school gates



The Felix Project

The Felix Project donate around a third of our providers with surplus food to either send home or use for cooking with the children

<https://thefelixproject.org/>



Feedback

'Each day there were exciting activities and the kids were always entertained. My kids made new friends and enjoyed the food provided.'

'My son is autistic and they prepared very well to work with him. They had trained staff to take care of him. He was very happy and had a good time.'

"There was so many activities for my son to enjoy. He like it so much that he was eager to go back the following day. The staff was very friendly and took good care of my son. They made sure that he was happy at all times and kept him entertained."

"Staff are very polite and friendly my kids love the activities they have great time also the club invite us parents to come earlier sometimes to watch some of the activities near the pick up times"

"I liked dodgeball and when we did tournaments. Also I made 2 new friends."

"I love all the teachers and learnt new things and made new friends"

"There is nothing about the club that could make it better because it's an amazing club"

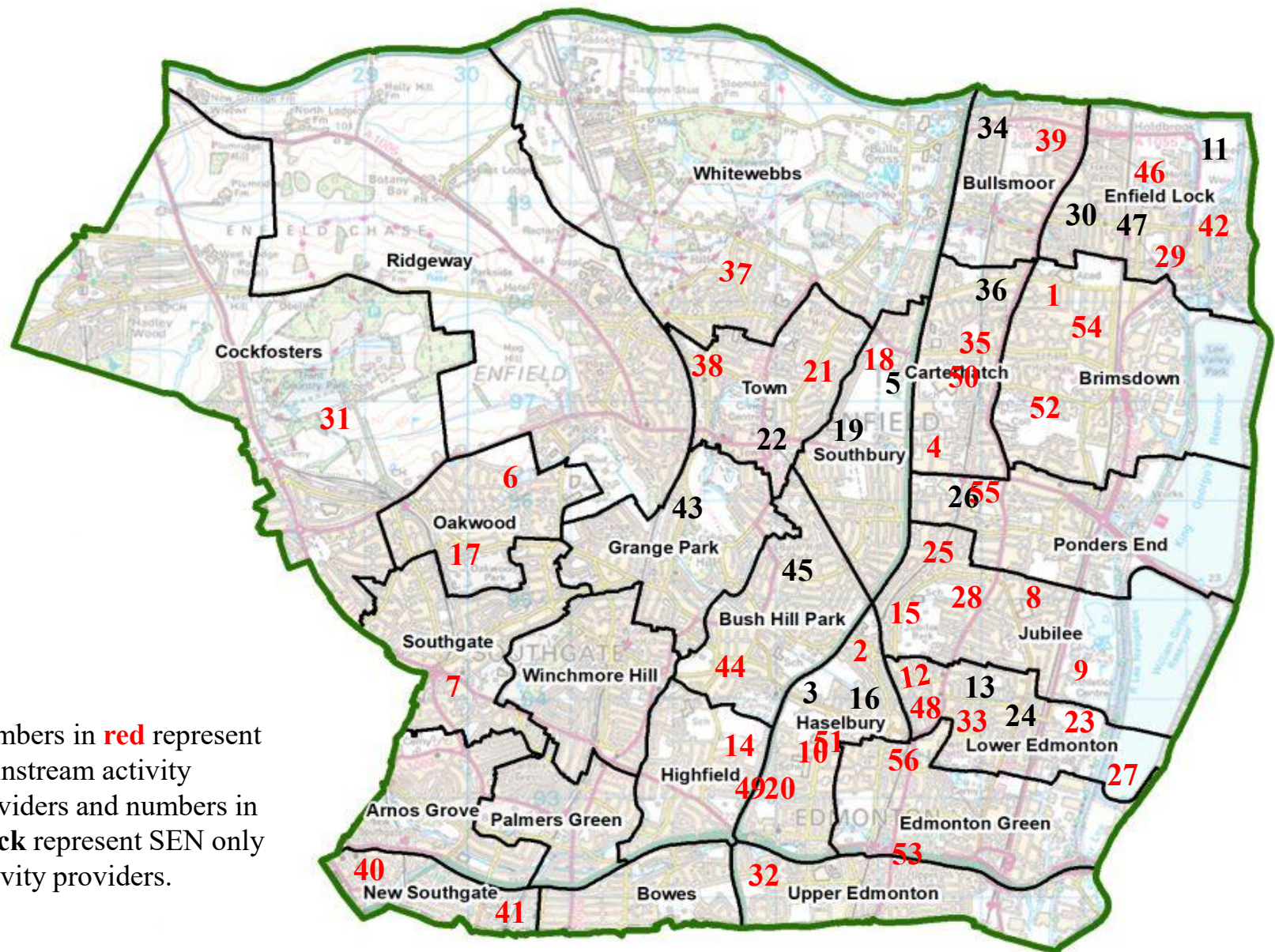
Plans for 2026

- Planning for commissioning for mainstream and SEN programmes
- Continue to train providers to enable them to offer additional SEN spaces
- Work closely with the food hygiene team and caterers to ensure compliance
- Partnerships with neighbouring boroughs to offer joint programmes
- Increase partnerships with supermarkets to offer food vouchers and surplus food
- Continue to increase the number of children attending ages 11 – 16 through offering a flexible programme catering to their needs including pop up park opportunities
- Continue with outdoor advertising via clear channel posters due to its effectiveness

Appendix 1 – list of providers 2026

<u>Anytime Childcare</u>	<u>APF Activity Camps</u>	<u>Blanco Activities</u>	<u>CK Performing Arts</u>	<u>Complete Sports</u>	<u>Edmonton Community Partnership</u>	<u>Effective Transition</u>	<u>Empire Sports & Performance Studios</u>	<u>Eversley Primary School</u>
<u>First Kicks Sports</u>	<u>Funny Feet</u>	<u>Get With the Kids Vibe</u>	<u>Heron Hall Academy</u>	<u>Holistic Education and Sport Support Services</u>	<u>Kidzplay</u>	<u>Malearn</u>	<u>Oasis Academy Enfield and Hadley</u>	<u>Orchardside School</u>
<u>Parks Community</u>	Phoenix Family Services	<u>Platinum Performing Arts</u>	<u>Pro Touch</u>	<u>Restore Community</u>	<u>Sport 4 Kids</u>	<u>St Andrews Youth Development</u>	<u>Sticky Fingers</u>	<u>Success Club</u>
<u>Super Star Sports</u>	<u>Swim Lab UK</u>	<u>Time for Change Kids</u>	<u>Walker Children's Club</u>	<u>Wise Youth Trust</u>	<u>Work Works Training Solutions</u>	<u>Youth & Community Connexions</u>	<u>Youth Development Service</u>	

Appendix 2 - HAF Provider Map Summer 2025 by ward



Numbers in **red** represent mainstream activity providers and numbers in **black** represent SEN only activity providers.