



Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Winter HAF programme starts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays.

Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the winter break including specific provision available for children with SEND. There's a great range of activities across the city including **music tuition, puppet making, circus workshops, football, podcasting, dance, Christmas parties and grottos, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, trips out, mindfulness** and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme is please click on this link - <https://merseyplay.com/haf-holiday-activities-and-food-fund/> or visit [www.Merseyplay.com](http://www.Merseyplay.com) and click on the HAF link.

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education and is targeted at children and young people, aged from reception to 16 years old who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

The Early Help Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [Early Help Directory - things to do](#)

Regards

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