

Warrington Summer HAF #HAF2021



Welcome to the first HAF newsletter. Here is some background information to what the HAF (Holiday Activities and food programme) is all about and some of our Summer celebrations. HAF is funded by the Department for Education and offers vulnerable children and children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals to take part in holiday clubs. It offers a multitude of activities alongside healthy meals. This summer we had 2040 places on offer and we had 1179 children/young people that took up these places. The funding covers Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays, and providers are required to go through Warrington Borough councils procurement to enable to become successful and provide for the children and young people of Warrington.



Warrington TAGS Group



Warrington Sensory Centre & Warrington Wolves



Curious Minds HAF Provision

We had 35 HAF programmes across Warrington which was provided by 14 organisations with a host of activities including sports, forest school, music, arts and crafts, family days, cooking and much more. We had specialist provisions for complex targeted children, and provisions for all children with SEND. We try our utmost to accommodate all needs. All children are welcome regardless of status. We have a booking platform for parents/carers to visit

[Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | warrington.gov.uk](https://warrington.gov.uk/HAF) for Christmas provision.

Feedback from Parents/Carers and Children/Young People:

- *My child has extra needs (as yet undiagnosed) and school holidays are difficult for us as a family...The HAF programme gave my child some structure to each day, at a place she was comfortable with, doing things she enjoyed.*
- *The children enjoyed time out of the house with friends. It made what can be a long and difficult holiday due to Lack of funds.*
- *Everything there is lots to do, I like trying different foods that I've not tasted before. I like that we all go together and have I*
- *lots of fun.*
- *Something to look forward to*



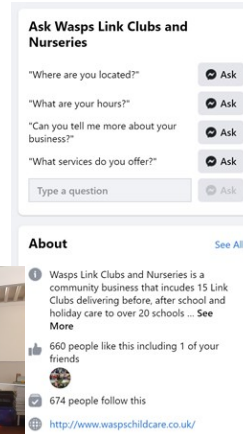
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Croft Primary School

Early help East HAF provision



Wasps Link Club



FOOD:

COVID safe:

All providers have undertaken COVID awareness training and provided the local authority with their COVID risk assessments and contingency COVID plans. We are reassured that all providers are able to manage safe COVID restricted environments to safeguard themselves as well as children/young people and their families. Upon request these can be shared.

Good, nutritious food and nutritional education are key elements of the HAF programme, and it follows the schools food standards.

The HAF is a real opportunity to make a difference, to open children and young people up to different foods, to engage them in interesting activities to widen their tastes, improve their health and to get them excited about food

Engaging children with vegetables tip: Place some vegetables in a bag (e.g. pillow slip). Ask children to feel inside the bag and guess which vegetables are there. As a variation, blindfold children and place a vegetable in their hands. Ask them to guess what the vegetable is by feeling, smelling and even tasting it.



Warrington Youth club



Rosebank



Score Creative



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