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ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children's and Young
People's Services

Central Link Children's Centre
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Dear Headteacher,

Re: Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is aimed at providing nutritious food and enriching activities for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays for children and young people aged 4 – 18 years who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children and young people who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child In Need, Children We look after, EHCP or receives additional hours at school then they are also eligible for the HAF programme.

Throughout the Winter holidays eligible children and young people can access a variety of free activity sessions and all of these sessions will include a nutritious meal.

For more information on the exciting activities and opportunities that are available, dates and times please follow the link below or call Central Link Children's Centre on 01744 673445.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/4060/Holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

We are requesting that parents/carers book their child's place for the Winter holiday activities as soon as possible, as numbers are limited (each provider can provide full details of their available sessions upon request). Please contact the delivery partner directly to book a place. Activity links will go live at 2.00pm on Tuesday 12th December 2023.

The sessions are fully funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

We have enclosed a banner and are asking that you display this on your school fence to raise the awareness of the HAF programme.

Kind Regards