



## **Kirklees School's Out!**

Funded by the Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food programme.

Annual report April 2023 to March 2024

## **What is HAF / School's Out!**

School's Out! is the name for the activities delivered in Kirklees that are funded by the Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food programme. The funding is in place to support families that are eligible for Benefits Related Free School Meals during the Easter, Summer and December school holiday periods.

In Kirklees we work with community-based organisations to deliver the support in venues that are close to where eligible families live.

All activities are free of charge for eligible children and young people.

### **Healthy nutritious food**

A key expectation is that children and young people attending funded provision have a healthy and nutritious meal. We work closely with the Kirklees FINE team to monitor menus at each activity, and we encourage creative ways to ensure there is a healthy choice.

Kirklees Food Safety team also support with inspections of venues and suppliers to ensure that good hygiene standards are in place.

### **Enrichment activities**

Each session lasts a minimum of four hours and for every session we offer the child / young person the opportunity to engage with physical and creative opportunities. There is an emphasis on free-play, meaning that the activities are freely chosen. Examples of activities delivered include:

- Sports and games
- Arts and crafts
- Den building
- Co-operative games
- Dance and movement
- Boxing and fitness
- Irish dance
- Cooking
- Environmental play

### **Venues and settings**

Sessions are delivered in a wide range of accessible settings throughout Kirklees. We prioritise provision to be delivered in areas that have high numbers of eligible families in residence. Sessions are delivered in:

- Schools
- Out of school clubs and childcare settings
- Adventure playground

- Parks and open spaces
- Community centres
- Town centre venues

### **Inclusive provision**

As well as supporting families that are eligible for Benefits Related Free School Meals we also strongly encourage provision to be accessible for children with additional support needs. We enable this by working with organisations to ensure open access for all children, and by funding specific activities just for SEND children and young people. We also work closely with the Council's Short Breaks offer to enhance the offer in place.

### **Supporting families**

Every session offers the opportunity to support families beyond the funded activity. This includes supporting access to provision delivered outside of the school holidays, signposting to local support services, and also helping with advice and guidance related to support with the Cost of Living.

### **Numbers engaging in 2023 – School's Out! Funded places only**

#### Easter 2023

Total number of individual children and young people attending –	1975
Total number of individual attendees that were SEND –	247
Total number of meals provided during Easter school holidays –	7246

#### Summer 2023

Total number of individual children and young people attending –	5036
Total number of individual attendees that were SEND –	644
Total number of meals provided during Summer school holidays –	40335

#### Winter 2024

Total number of individual children and young people attending –	2099
Total number of individual attendees that were SEND –	311
Total number of meals provided during December school holidays –	6627

Total number of meals provided during 2023 offer –	54208
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## Feedback from children and parents/carers

Following each school holiday we carried out consultation with parents and carers to determine their views on the quality of provision offered and also to ask what difference have we made in delivering the programme.

Parents and carers are asked to rate the following out of 10. (1 being low/poor 10 being high/excellent)

Did your child enjoy the activities delivered? –	9.4 out of 10
Quality of the venue? –	9.4 out of 10
Quality of the food provided? –	9.1 out of 10

Here are some of the responses to 'What difference have we made?'

It has helped me with my child's poor eating habits

It has been incredible, it gets the children out in the holidays and socialize and limit their screen time. It also has been a great help for me to get out and meet other parents and the Haf club staff have been amazing and take everyone to the park and a walk if its a nice day.

This enables the children in my care to have some sort of routine in the holidays. The activities are fun and the staff are professional and approachable- they do a fantastic job

This kept my child entertained, warm and fed in the holiday and helped with the expenses. With the cost of living going up it really helped to know she was having at least one good hot meal a day for the days she was there. Playing with the other children there made her happy too so she wasn't bored

My child has Autism and he had a really good time. He said "he had made new friends". I asked him if he would like to attend again sometime. " he said "yes when can I go again" I can't wait.

It meant that we were sure that our child was having a good time with friends and positive adult role models. Our older child is revising for GCSEs at the moment so we weren't really able to go anywhere much so it meant that P was occupied a bit and went out and did enjoyable activities.

It was a great help. My son has EHCP and as a parent it's really hard to entertain my son in the holidays. It gave me break too and my son really enjoyed it.

Without this programme my daughter would not be able to access anything like this in our area that she can get together with her peers and interact with throughout the long summer period. This programme is a god send for our family.

This funding place made a massive difference to us, we both work full time and paying for childcare is very costly. My child is SEND and therefore routine is very important. It has allowed us to better manage our work life balance but also see our

child thrive through summer ready for his new start in September at a new school. We were worried as there aren't many school clubs for SEND but this has been a life changing experience for us all as a family. It took massive pressure off the financial burden especially now with the cost of living crisis but also allowed us to better manage our child and his behaviour as he was more settled being in a familiar place which is known to him.

The first aid in particular has helped me and my children learn more about being safe and helping others in an emergency. We had an incident some time ago where I had to perform CPR on a family member where I wasn't sure what to do and how to perform cpr but now I'm more confident in this and I have learnt a lot from this. My children are more confident in this too.

Such a huge difference my son can stay in routine as he has autism. He loves going. As parents we have few hours to do our errands. Grateful for this HAF

### **Quality Assurance**

We expect the offer for children and families to be of high quality and we work with a wide range of Kirklees based organisations to deliver the programme. Organisations are expected to be registered with the Council's Grant Access Point systems or with OFSTED. Both registration requirements offer greater assurance around the governance, skills and capability of the organisation.

Support networks are established prior to delivery, with additional support offered with skills and development where required. Additional resources are in place to look at enhancing the offer to broaden the range and choice of activities available.

Every organisation is visited during delivery periods with a quality assurance check carried out. This allows the opportunity to recognise and build on good practice, and to also look at enhanced support when required. We are supported by the Early Years team, who also carry out visits to OFSTED registered provision during school holiday periods and the rest of the year.

### **Budget allocation**

In Kirklees we were funded £1,869,720 for 2023/2024. £1,682,748 was allocated directly to organisations to deliver the programme with £186,972 allocated to offer support and co-ordination of the offer.

### **Looking forward to 2024 and beyond**

We will continue to promote the programme on the newly created webpages for the offer – [www.schoolsoutkirklees.co.uk](http://www.schoolsoutkirklees.co.uk) The pages include information for parents & carers, providers and professionals regarding the support.

12-month awards. Organisations are allocated funding to cover the 12-month period. This will mean greater certainty for funded organisations regarding funding

arrangements and will explore opportunities around promotion of the offer from holiday to holiday

Small grants awards. We will continue to offer organisations the opportunity to apply for funding prior to the Easter, Summer and Winter school holiday periods. This funding opportunity will focus on emerging organisations and on gaps in high need areas to ensure targeted support where it is required the most.

Additional funding. We will continue to look for funding to support activities delivered during school holidays not covered by the Holiday Activities and Food programme funding. These include February, May and October half term periods.

We will work closely with the Short Breaks funded provision to align the offer for SEND children and young people.

**We would like to thank the following organisations for their support in delivering the School's Out! offer**

20 20 Foundation Trust	Kick Start Project CIC	RABC BOXING CLUB
ABC Childrens Day Nursery	Kids Come First	Ravensthorpe Community Centre
Batley Sporting Foundation	Kirkdale Out of School and Holiday Club	Rochelles Little Rugrats
Bramwell Sports Development Team	Kirklees Active Leisure	S & G Community Sports Ltd
Burton Out of School Club	Kirklees Museums	Scissett Kids Club Ltd
Central Youth Club	Kirklees Summer Camps	Sensory World
Childcare by Clare	Kirklees Youth Alliance	SHAPE Lindley
Claire Owen	KIXX Huddersfield	Shawcross club for young people s
Claire's House Childminding	Kumon Y'all	Shine bright day care
Clare Storey	Ladybirds Day Nursery	Slaithwaite Afterschool and Holiday Club
Conscious Youth	Lanefields Out of School Club	Sparks Skills
Cowersley Community Out of School Club	Launchpad Learning Support CIC	St Josephs Out of School Club
Dance for Everyone	Legacy Active - North	Stay n Play
Deighton Table Tennis Club	Legacy Active Communities CIC	Team Hanson
Ducklings childcare	Legacy Sport South Kirklees	The Ark Preschool
Duke of Edinburgh	Little Angels Day Nursery	The Crescent CIC
East Bierley Community Sports Association	Little People Nurseries	The Game Changerz
EFG's Out of school Club	Little Rainbows Out of School Club	The Huddersfield Town Foundation
Elysium Community Studios CIC	Little Stars	The Stables Experience Ltd
Empower - C.I.C.	Local Services 2 You	The Teacup Zoo
Fairfield School	Luck Lane Before and After School Club	The Watershed
Fearless People	Michelle Hirst	Thornton Lodge Action Group
Globe arts studio	Moor Fun Wrap Round Club	Timestep
Gomersal childminding	Netherton Community Centre CIC	Tinkerbelle Childcare Ltd
Greenfields Childcare	New Direction Services CIC	Training Cave Club
Grow to School	Nightingales Private Day Nursery	TRILLZ Community Interest Company
Gummy Bears Day Nursery LTD	Nik Niks bizzy bees	Ultimate Sport Project
Hamond House Day Nursery	Nurturing Creativity CIC	Yorkshire Community Development CIC
Helen Ellis	Outlane Out of School Club	YPD Community CIC
Helen Howes PDN	Pony Pals Equine Therapy	5 Sport in the Community
Hideaways childcare services	Portland House Nursery & Fun Club	
Huddersfield Community First	Project Communities CIC	
Huddersfield Town Foundation	Provision in the Community Limited	