

Date: 1st December 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Winter HAF programme starts on the 22nd December with plenty of exciting activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Winter holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, all at **no cost**. There's a great range of festive and non-festive activities across the city including **trips to pantomimes, festive arts, crafts, cards and decoration making, Santa's Grotto, winter wonderland disco, roller skating disco, rave dance, cheerleading, tumbling, zorbing, nerf battles, circus skills, lego activities, film and jewellery making, basketball, trampolining and ice skating to name but a few!** A meal is included for every child attending.

There is a central booking system to make it easier for you to find and book the activities from Monday 1st December. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf> or by using the QR code which will take you to the Liverpool HAF page and the easy to fill in booking system. You can search by age, provider or date. There is a handy booking help video here - [Quick guide on how to book a HAF session | Eequ Help Centre](#)



- ◻ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please go to:
<https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ◻ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register
<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Winter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

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