



We are delighted to be delivering the Winter 2024 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in Ealing.

The HAF programme provides funded holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for children and young people in school years from reception to year 11 who reside in or attend school in the London Borough of Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM), or who are vulnerable and would benefit from a HAF place. Please note that primary pupils receiving the universal free school meals offer are not eligible for the HAF programme.

## Winter 2024 HAF

Ealing's Winter HAF programme will run in the Christmas school holiday on: Monday 23 December 2024 Monday 30 December 2024 Tuesday 31 December 2024 Thursday 2 January 2025 Friday 3 January 2025

Throughout Ealing, HAF provisions will be offering a wide range of free activities as well as a healthy meal. Children and young people can attend for a **maximum of 5 days** over the Christmas school holiday.

## Vulnerable Children & Young People: Applications Open Wednesday 6 November 2024

We are able to offer a limited number of HAF places to some vulnerable children and young people who would benefit from attending HAF provision but are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Professionals who are working with families who they feel would benefit will need to complete an <u>online referral</u> <u>application form</u> to apply for them to be able to access the winter HAF programme. Please complete a separate form for each child you are referring.

Applications **open on Wednesday 6 November at 9am** and will **close on Tuesday 24 December at 12 noon**. We advise that you complete the application as soon as possible to be able to secure an eligibility code and HAF provider placement. Please note that vulnerable places should not be used for childcare.

## Promote to Eligible Families: Booking System Goes Live Wednesday 13 November 2024

Eligible families should have received an email with booking details and their allocated HAF/FSM codes, along with a HAF postcard from schools this week. If you are working with an eligible family, please encourage them to book their HAF place.

Our activity providers' booking information and FAQ will be available through the 'Book an Activity' tile on our <u>webpage</u>.

HAF Booking support will be unavailable from 25 to 29 December 2024 and 1 January 2025. Please check the booking site for individual HAF provider opening hours over the festive period.

## **Further Information**

To read more about Ealing's HAF programme, please have a look at our webpages: www.ealinghaf.org.uk.