

# **Kirklees School's Out!**

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

Annual report 2022 / 2023





# 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 2022 – School's Out! Funded places only

# Easter 2022

| Total number of individual children and young people attending – | 2615   |
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| Total number of individual attendees that were SEND –            | 55     |
| Total number of meals provided during Easter school holidays –   | 7845   |
| Summer 2022  |        |
| Total number of individual children and young people attending – | 5267   |
| Total number of individual attendees that were SEND –            | 486    |
| Total number of meals provided during Summer school holidays –   | 31602  |
| December 2022  |        |
| Total number of individual children and young people attending – | 1714   |
| Total number of individual attendees that were SEND –            | 170    |
| Total number of meals provided during December school holidays – | 6181   |
| Total number of meals provided during 2022 offer –               | 45,628 |

# 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 you child enjoy the activities delivered – | 9.6 out of 10 |
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| Quality of the sessions delivered –            | 9.6 out of 10 |
| Range of activities available –                | 9.5 out of 10 |
| Location of activities available –             | 9.6 out of 10 |
| Quality of the food provided –                 | 9.3 out of 10 |

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

Cost of living makes days out very expensive therefore it's great that my son has been able to socialise and do fun activities without the cost

The chance for my children to interact with others & give myself a break as a single mother with no support, it has been vital for my family

My daughter finds it very difficult to interact with people and other children and this programme has allowed her to join in activities she wouldn't normally do. The other children are very accepting of her especially as she doesn't speak much but her laughter from these sessions is heart-warming to hear

Broken up the holidays and given my daughter something to look forward to. And a chance to meet new people and make new friends

It's has helped keep the children occupied and engaged during these difficult financial times

This program helps my son and others like him learn essential life and social skills, that can be easily forgotten when they have a short concentration span, whilst still keeping learning fun. It provides children with good nutritional meals and snack's and as the children are always occupied either physically or mentally this is great for their mental health, mood, anxieties, and physical fitness.

Made a big difference, made my children busy, development of their skills, excited, they was active and very happy

It's been really helpful, knowing my daughter is having fun, exercising and eating healthy while I can get a couple of hours respite, do some quiet work or clean the house. Parents can find it tough during the holidays and face the pressures of the cost of living rising make it more difficult to go on day trips out. A lot of my spare money is going on things such as gas and electric now it has been a god send for us. my child is very active and spends holidays complaining about being bored. he relies very heavily on me. He has blossomed with these sessions, more confident, happy and looked forward every morning to going to club.

The sessions for children with additional needs are fantastic. It has given my son confidence, helped him make friends and kept him active.

It's really good , being a single parent and having children with additional needs in the holidays can be very hard it gives me a little break and children really enjoy attending

These clubs make a difference in the holidays with 3 girls at home and not a lot of money when u got uniforms to buy really appreciate you putting these on for funded places I get a break and the girls do some fun activities with the team and are well looked after and entertained while they are there

#### **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  $\pounds$ 1,941,770.00 for 2022/2023.  $\pounds$ 1,747,493.00 was allocated directly to organisations to deliver the programme with  $\pounds$ 194,277.00 allocated to offer support and co-ordination of the offer.

#### Looking forward to 2023 and beyond

We have had confirmation from the Department for Education that funding is in place to support benefits related free school meal eligible families for 2023/2024. Building on the delivery of this year's programme we will make some adjustments the offer.

12-month awards. Some organisations will be allocated funding to cover the 12month 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 December 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.

Website. Creation of webpages that will consolidate information around funded activities together with information relating to low-cost paid for provision available for non-eligible families during school holidays.

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