

Lancashire Holiday & Food Programme Report 2023



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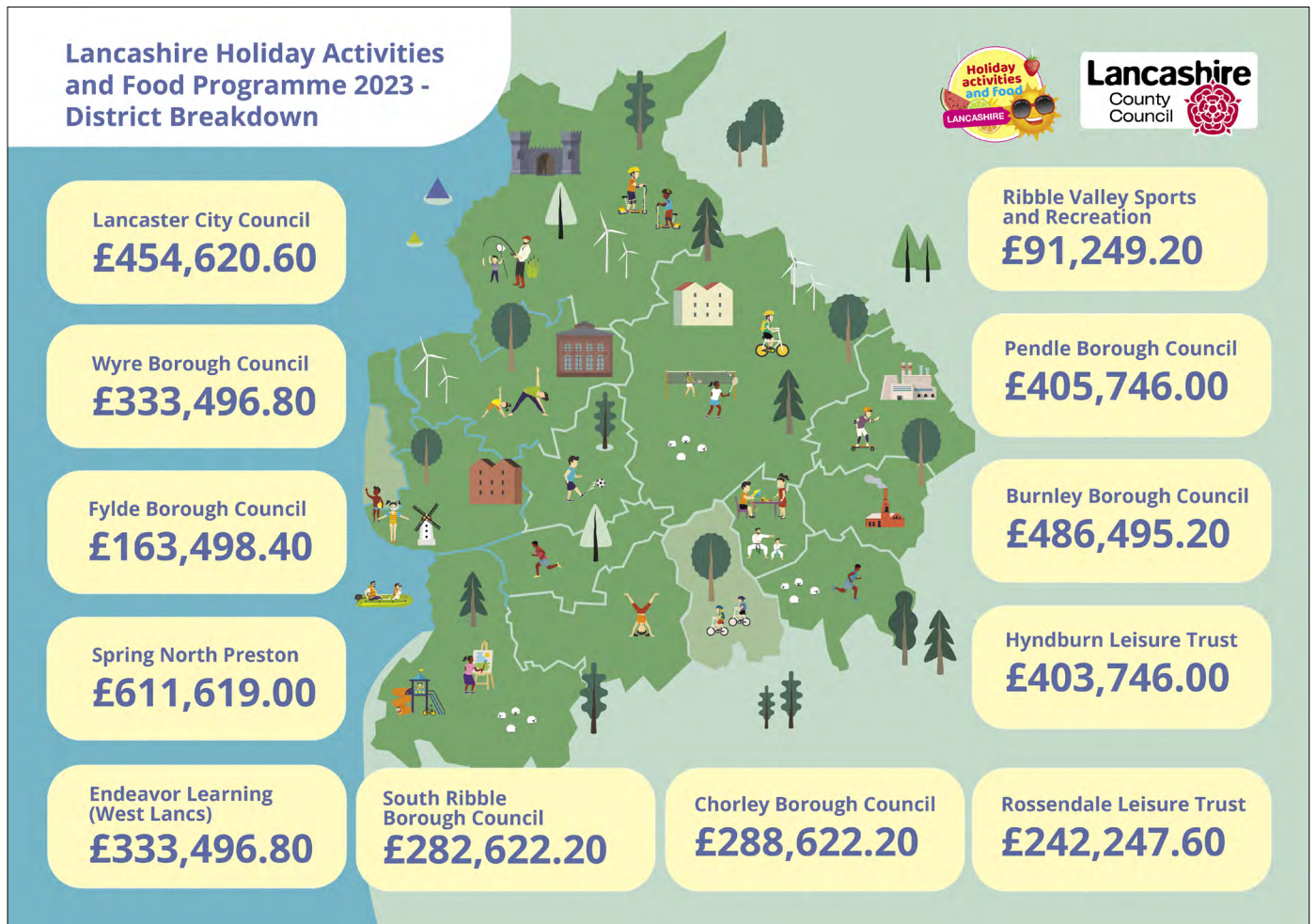
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Budget

Lancashire was awarded £4,272,460.00 by the Department of Education to deliver the HAF programme in 2023.



As Lancashire is a large county and one of the central principles of the HAF programme is to develop provision in response to local need and with a good understanding of community we delegated the budget down to our 12 districts through Grant Funding Agreements (GFA).

The budget allocation was based on the percentage of Lancashire children eligible for free school meals in each of the districts which included a slight re-calculation in order to offer a rural premium for those districts who have larger scattered rural communities.



Budget

This represents the percentage of unique children attending at each holiday period

Central costs included

Lancashire HAF Co-ordinator

£50k

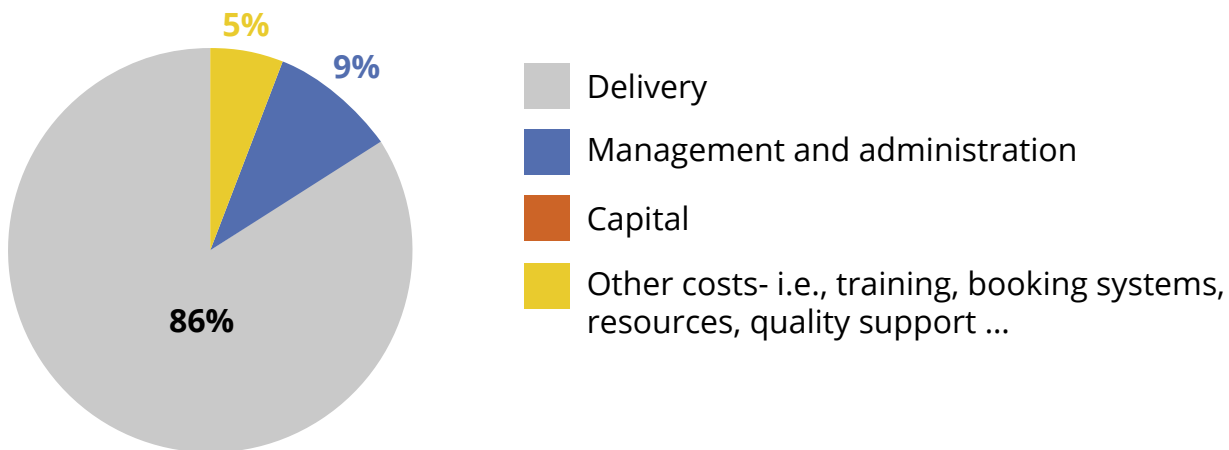
Streetgames – commissioned to support the development of quality HAF provision

£75k

Contingency – used for a fund for additional SEND support and training

£50k

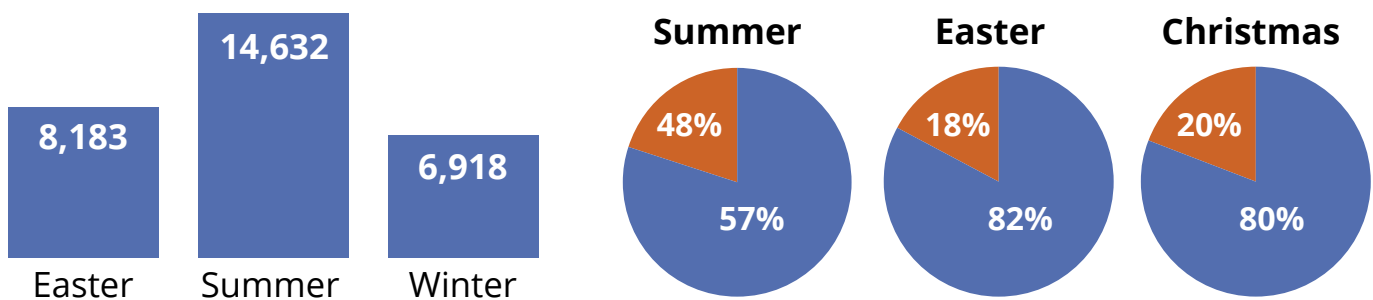
Lancashire HAF programme costs



Reach

The number of unique children attending each holiday period

■ The % of primary schools
■ secondary schools



The percentage of eligible children accessing a HAF club at each holiday was:
Easter 20% Summer 32% and Christmas 19%





In 2023

37%

of all of eligible
attended a club at
least once

In summer

84%

of all places booked were filled



304

different clubs
provided places



Over

138,000

meals were served at HAF clubs



Governance, Communication and QA Support

Lancashire HAF Steering Group

Frequency of meetings - 3 x a year Termly

Lead – Central HAF co-ordinator
Function – Receive and consider HAF termly reports, provide strategic governance and guidance, champion and promote HAF across multi-agency service and agencies

Membership

- Police
- Team Around the School
- Community Safety
- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub & Children's Services Support Hub
- Family Hubs
- Public Health
- Early Help
- Children's Social Care
- SEND Partnership
- Active Lancashire
- Food Active
- School safeguarding
- Virtual Schools

District Steering Groups x 12

Frequency of meetings – twice termly

Lead – District HAF co-ordinator

Function – Receive and consider district HAF termly reports, provide operational guidance and support, champion and promote HAF locally

Membership

- Education Partnership Officers
- Rep from key schools
- Targeted Youth Service
- Streetgames advisor
- Community policing teams
- Local VCSE partners
- Early Help service
- Other key stakeholders

Lancashire HAF All District Network

Frequency – monthly

Lead – Central HAF co-ordinator

Purpose - Disseminating information and updates from national and local programme, sharing good practice and supporting quality, trouble shooting and problem solving

Membership

- Street Games HAF advisors
- District HAF Co-ordinators

Locality HAF Quality Support Network x 3 -North, East and Central

Frequency -monthly

Lead – Street Games advisors

Function

Disseminating information, sharing good practice and supporting quality, creating locality-based networks of support, trouble shooting and problem solving at a locality level

Membership

- District HAF Co-ordinators
- HAF providers





Marketing of the HAF programme

Our approach to ensuring that the HAF programme is widely known, understood and valued by the families whose children are eligible for a HAF place has been fairly low key – with an emphasis on targeted promotion rather than wide scale advertising.

A press release is sent out via our comms team ahead of each holiday period. Our comms team use social media, Facebook and Twitter to publicise and promote the programme.

Districts – local teams link closely with schools to promote the programme and for some districts, they also run their own social media campaigns and each district has their own website/pages for HAF. District Steering Groups promote HAF within their own organisations and with partners. Some districts have created their own short films to promote HAF.

Partnerships - In order to ensure that eligible children and those most in need of a HAF place engage with the programme we enlist the support of agencies who work with the families through the year and who are in a position to encourage their families to take up a HAF place, or to refer them if they fall into the 15% with risk factors other than FSM. This includes virtual school teams and those supporting young people not in education, Violence Reduction Units, Community Policing, Early Help, Children's Social Care, SEND teams, Targeted Youth Service.



Highlights of the 2022 HAF programme

Engagement

Primary numbers remained good with a slight increase on 2022 for the number of unique children taking part. Children are attending more sessions in each holiday period.

We had a particularly good summer with more young people who are aged 12+ accessing provision with 1,292 more young people attending HAF clubs than the previous summer. This was in part due to collaboration with the Targeted Youth Service. There was a variety of provision from big events in parks, a music and DJ festival, big sporting events and lots of place based youth provision during the day and evenings.

Value for Money- In the summer 84 % of places booked were attended, showing a big improvement on wasted places, there are some clubs that fare less well than the average in this respect and this is being addressed. Many of our districts now only pay for booked places, 2 only for places attended. If a large number of places remain unused, places allocated are reduced in the following holiday period. One district will carry forward any unused places and these are taken from the allocation of the next holiday period

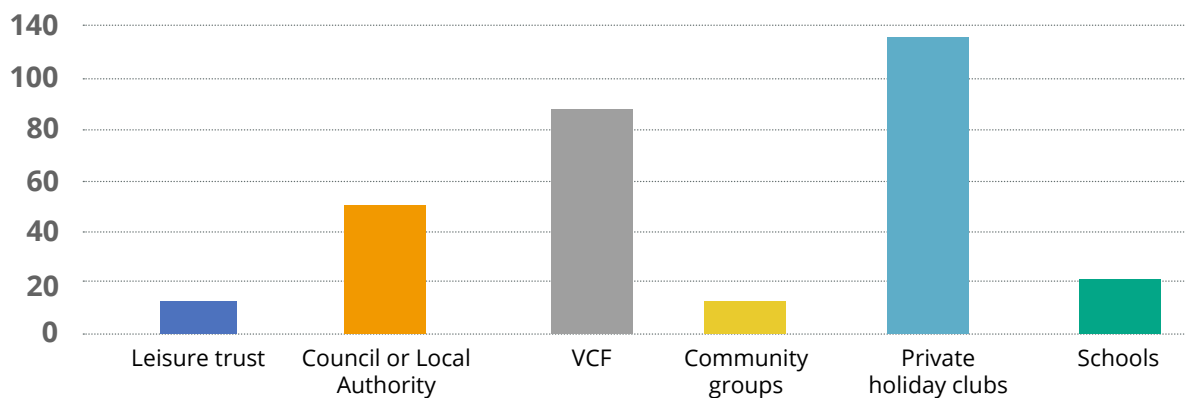
Variety of clubs and provision - In the summer there was 80 more HAF clubs than in 2022 across the county, approx. one third of all clubs are provided by the CVFC sector and non-profit organisations, one third from the private sector and the other third a mixture of schools, leisure trust and county and district council provision. There is a wide mixture of different activities available.



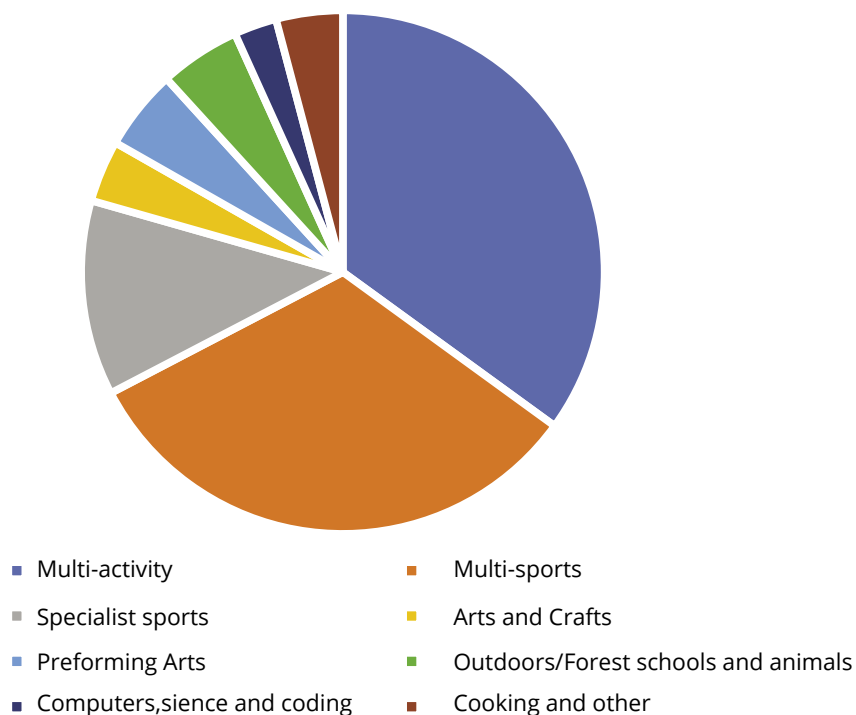
HAF providers

There are 222 HAF clubs in Lancashire delivered by over 140 providers

TYPES OF PROVIDERS



TYPES OF CLUBS



Food Provision

More of our HAF providers are now producing their own food on their premises, where this is not possible, we are encouraging them to source their food locally. All clubs are measured against the School Food Standards. Over 90% of clubs scored good or excellent for food provision using our quality assessment toolkit. Two districts source the food themselves and distribute to the clubs.

74% of HAF providers can offer hot food or a combination of hot and cold food. For those that have the facilities to make food on the premises and include children and young people in the planning and preparation of meals and snacks. When using external food providers districts make efforts to source locally and support local enterprises to minimise food miles, in Rossendale they use a community café run by adults with learning disabilities. All districts work closely with their food pantries and food banks, to signpost families, but also to minimise waste if unused food can be re-distributed.

Food Active continue to support our HAF provision, this year they have delivered virtual training on HAF food standards to our HAF clubs and food providers. LCC Trading Standards team have developed a food standards award Recipe For Health – our HAF food providers are being encouraged to engage with this, Pendle have made it mandatory for food providers to have gained this award as part of their commissioning. For all, assessment of food standards is an essential element of awarding contracts to clubs.

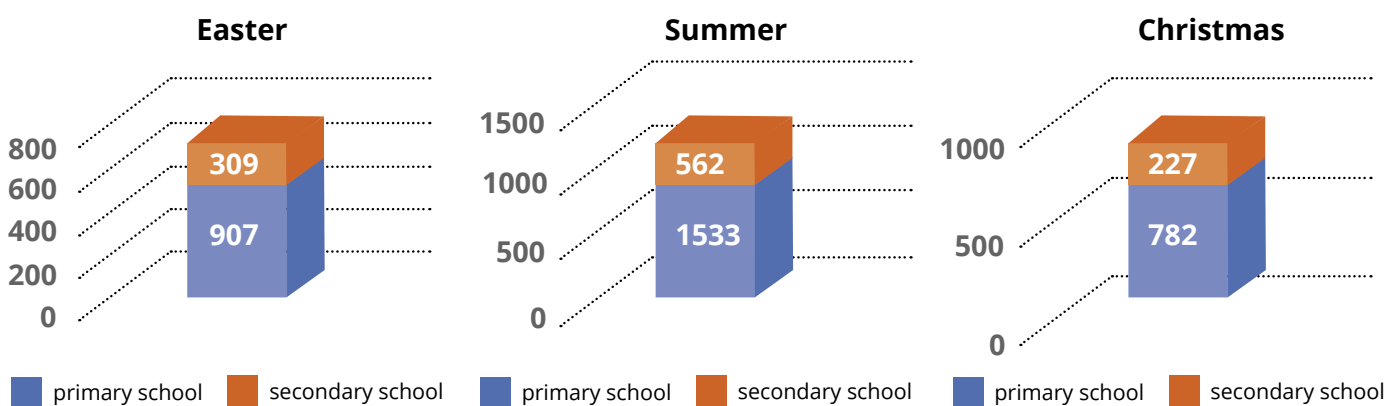


Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Numbers attending each holiday period



We now have specialist SEND provision in all but one of our districts, 28 clubs in total. Sportscool one of our larger sports providers who previously had delivered universal clubs across a number of our districts developed specialist SEND provision, as a new venture, this went really well and many children were able to access HAF provision this year for the first time as a result. We have also enlisted more specialist schools and short break providers to deliver HAF.

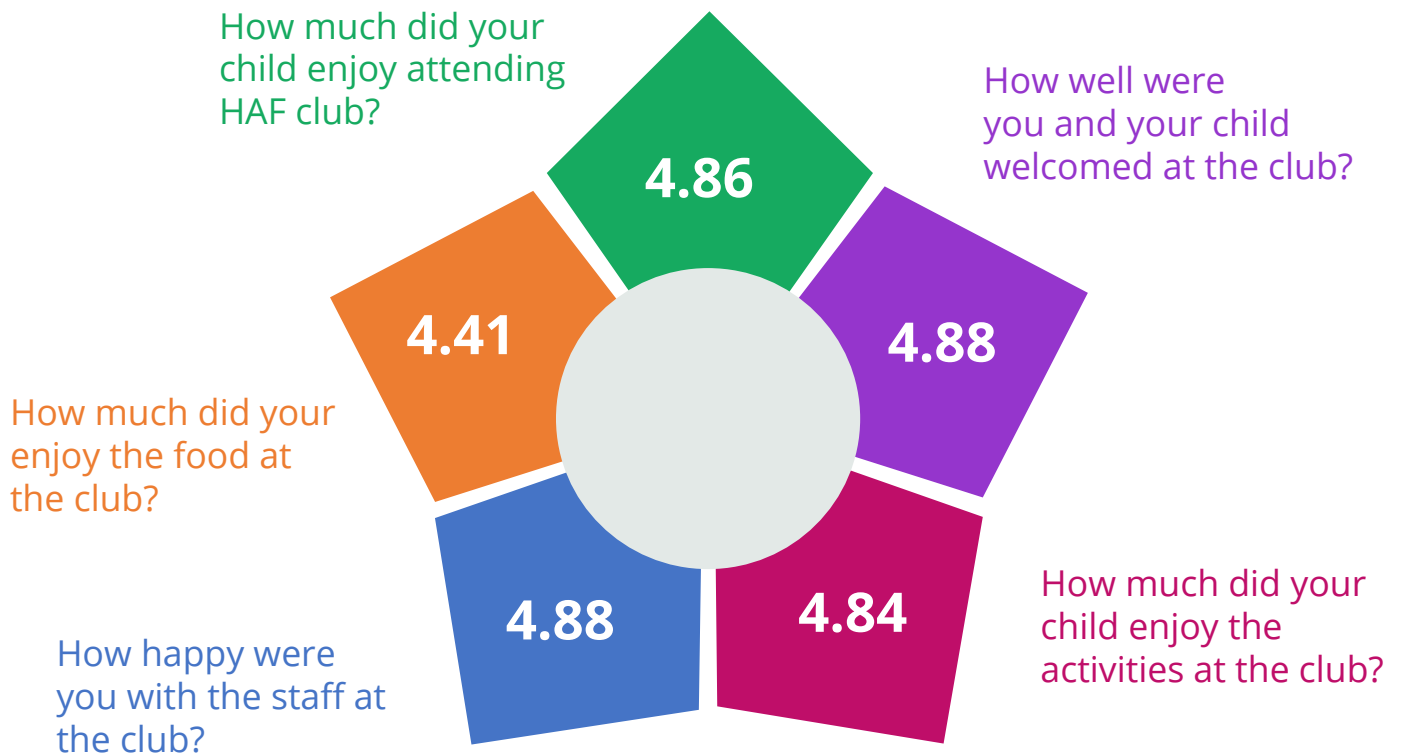
12% of all primary and 15% of all secondary children who attended HAF had a reported SEND, we know that in reality it is a lot higher than this as many do not declare their child's additional needs at registration and many are going through diagnosis and assessments.

We are very proud of how our HAF clubs ensure all children are included in their provision. They go out of their way to differentiate, get to know young people and their families and understand what they need to do in order for them feel welcome, included, have fun and make friends.

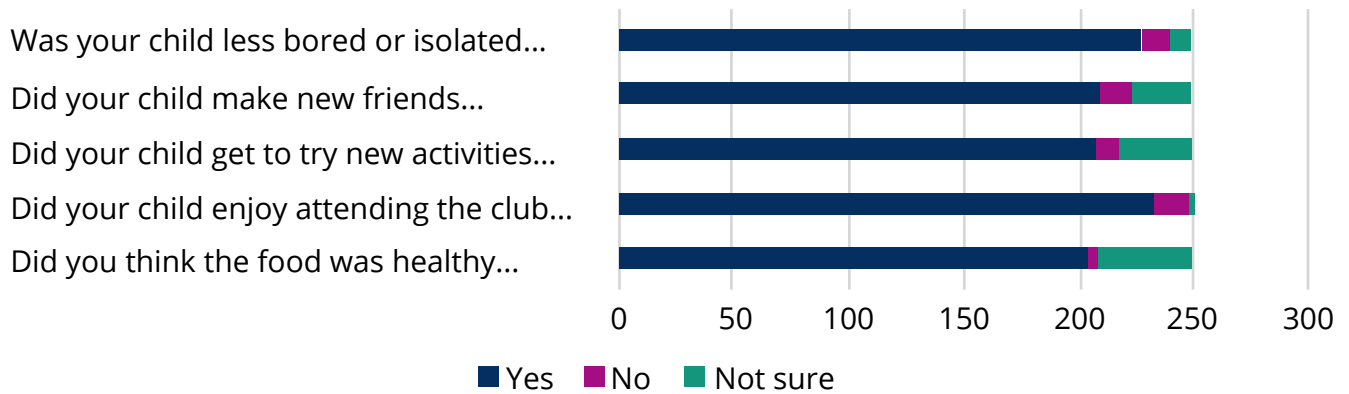


Parental Feedback - Summer 2023

250 responses - average number of stars scored out of 5
5 being the best



Parental feedback - 250 responses



Challenges and priorities for 2024

Secondary aged provision

We intend to build on the success of our Targeted Youth Service and ensure that there is a consistency of provision across all our 12 districts. We will top-slice 7% from our total HAF budget and award this to the service so that they can develop their holiday provision and engage more of the older aged young people with the programme. They will meet the minimum delivery requirements in each team, deliver a flexible broad range of activities and expand engagement to include more FSM eligible young people.

Value for Money

We will implement the use of e-vouchers and an LCC central booking system so that we can ensure that eligible children are those that take up a place. E-vouchers will be issued in partnership with schools using their MI systems. This will help to raise awareness of the value of HAF amongst schools and proactively engage them in promoting take up of places. Whilst we have many schools that are crucial and extremely valued partners there are a small number that are still not connected to the programme.

A Central booking system will not only ensure that all families have an easy to follow and consistent experience when booking a HAF places in Lancashire we will also have a system that ensures better reporting. Currently our data comes from many different district sources, one central data collecting and reporting system will help to validate our numbers and make the process more efficient and less resource heavy.

We will also be able to undertake county wide analysis, looking at reach, engagement against, school, neighbourhood, district and locality demographics and allowing us to target support and resource where it is needed.

If you would like any further information about the Lancashire HAF programme please email CFW-HAF@lancashire.gov.uk

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