




HAF 2022 – Peterborough Annual Report

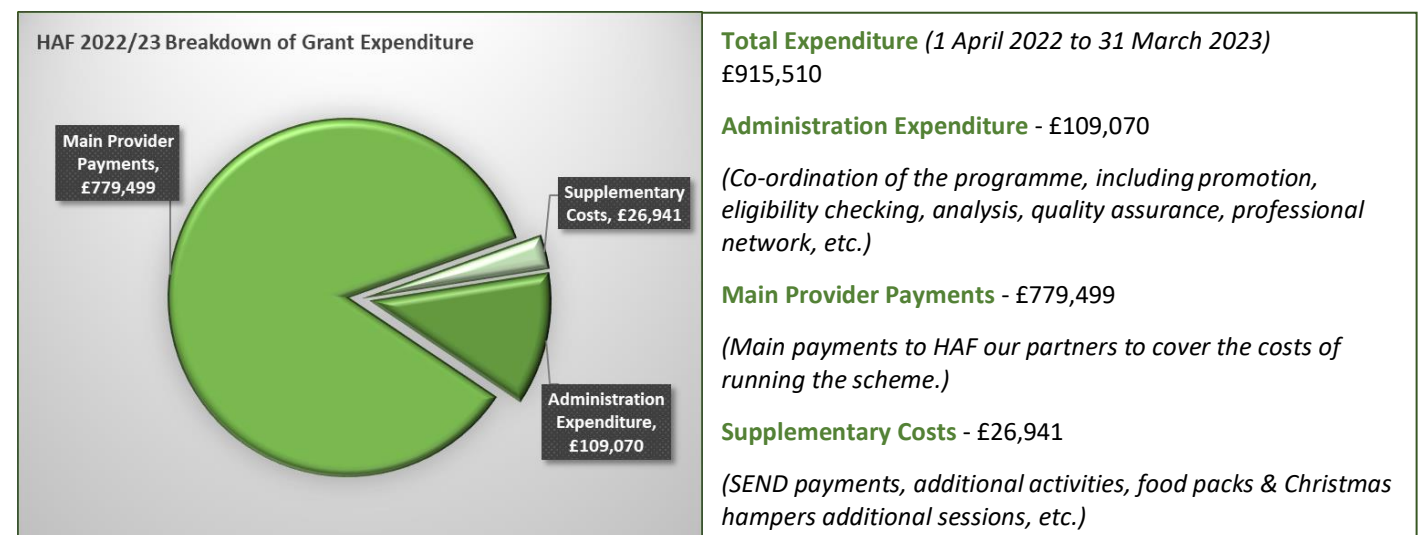
This report gives an overview of the Holiday, Activities and Food programme delivered by Peterborough City Council and it's Partners for the financial year 2022/23. This covers the schemes run in the Easter 2022, Summer 2022 and Christmas 2022 school holidays.

Section 1 - LA details

Who's Who on the Peterborough HAF team...

		
Syreeta Cumbridge HAF Co-Ordinator	Catrina Storey HAF Co-Ordinator	Dave Hawman HAF Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

How did we use the grant funding?



How did we market and celebrate the HAF programme?

In partnership with the providers who run the schemes, and with our schools, we promote the programme directly in school with posters, letters to parents and school assemblies. The Child and Family Centres also promote the HAF programme with their families and display our posters.



A good example of this partnership working was with one of the Secondary schools that had seen quite low bookings. The HAF provider arranged to talk at one of the school assemblies about the scheme and afterwards a list of names was shown (although the FSM criteria was not mentioned) and the students were told if their name appeared they could stay behind and talk about booking a place.

Another key part of our marketing strategy is social media and the internet. There is a dedicated HAF [Facebook page](#).

The primary point of access for details of all the schemes is the [Families Information Service \(FIS\)](#) website with a link to this area also included in the '[Support with the cost of living](#)' area of the council's main website.

With the help of some of our providers we have produced a short [YouTube video](#) explaining about HAF and including comments from parents and providers.

Peterborough City Council colleagues are also part of our strategy to encourage participation in the programme. Social Workers, Virtual school and School Improvement all help to promote HAF whenever possible. The HAF Co-ordinators also attended the local Child and Family Centre launches to promote HAF with families and professionals.

We also like to celebrate the HAF programme and our partners who deliver the schemes. To that end we held reflection events after the Christmas and Summer programmes (virtually) and a celebration event at a local community centre, which was very useful in bringing providers together to share ideas and experiences.

For the 2023/24 programme we are intending to capture email addresses for the parents currently accessing the scheme so we can contact them directly with details of each holidays offer and to let them know other useful information related to HAF.

Challenges we faced delivering the programme

During the summer holidays some children did not attend all the 16 sessions which they had booked, some of the reasons for this were family holiday, days out and visiting family and friends. In light of this, for summer 23 we will allow parent/carers to book in blocks of 4 sessions up to 16 sessions, week by week.

Many children and young people with SEND attend the HAF provision. However, early in the year we identified a need for a SEND provision to support those with more complex needs. A SEND-specific provision delivered HAF in the summer and Christmas holidays and will continue into 2023.

Engaging secondary aged children and young people in the HAF provision has been a challenge. For the 2023/24 HAF programme we have created some more tailored provision aimed at this age range.

The Christmas holidays broke up late in 2022 resulting in there only being a couple of spare days before Christmas Eve, this resulted in some providers only being able to offer 2 sessions. During the Christmas holidays some parents decided not to book into HAF as they didn't want their child to catch winter bugs and be poorly over their Christmas celebrations.

Steering group.

The original steering group formed part of a larger steering group which focused on many different aspects of supporting families. We will be re-launching a new steering group so it will be more sharply focused on HAF and support it to evolve.

Some of our partners

We have close ties with a colleague in school improvement who is also the National Literacy Trust Manager for Peterborough. She provided us with a wide selection of books, all of which were targeted at the age of the children actually attending each scheme. They also shared activity packs and challenges for the children and young people to use.

We also work closely with charities, voluntary and community organisations who are an integral part of our HAF delivery. These include Barnardo's, Family Action, Families First and Westraven Community Café and Garden.

Section 2 – Feedback from our participants, families and providers

The providers are regularly visited by the HAF coordinators over the course of the year, and they speak with the staff and observe the delivery. They also chat with the children and young people to get their feedback on what they have enjoyed and would perhaps like to see in future schemes. We also get feedback from the providers at the various briefings and celebration events. A provider survey is being planned for 2023/24.

We do at least one parent survey a year and have very positive feedback, some examples of which are below.

“Both my children had a really good time when they attended. I think they both loved being able to play outside a lot with lots of fun things to do. My youngest is quite arty and really liked making something for me at every session to take home. They really enjoyed the music session where some music people came in and let them have a go at the different instruments. Their last day was very special as they had pizza, water play and also came home with prizes and a book!! 😊👍”

“.... has really enjoyed his time at camp he would like to spend more time with you and he usually doesn't enjoy social clubs- he loves being here”

“HAF was fantastic the kids loved all the activities you had for them and I honestly don't know how you will top it, the kids had an amazing time.”

“My child has enjoyed being able to play with other children and make new friends and see existing friends from school. They've enjoyed all the different activities from baking to arts and crafts and going on walks.”

“My boys have tried the meals there and they actually enjoyed the food and they now ask for those meals at home whereas before if I cooked them they wouldn't want to try them. Friendly supervisors, welcoming and fun. Children try new things, ice skating! One of my children now wants to go ice skating as a hobby.”

“My child has enjoyed being able to have structure. She has enjoyed being able to be a child and have a well deserved break from her brother. She's enjoyed making friends and taking part in all the activities. She has come out happy everyday and loves all members of the team who care for her so lovingly.”

Our HAF partners also help by sharing paper questionnaires with the children and young people.

Some of the favourite activities are sports and team games, with dodgeball being particularly popular. They also really enjoy the creative side of things, such as creating art to take home and preparing food and baking. The one-off events and visits are also hugely popular, these include such things as the Pantomime, BMX Academy, Circus Skills, Street Art and the intriguing Spy Mission.

For the 2023/24 delivery we are intending to create a separate questionnaire for the senior children so we can capture what they would like to see included in the programme ongoing

Section 3 – Food for thought

One of the key aspects of HAF is to provide nutritious, healthy food and to provide greater knowledge and engagement with preparing and eating healthy food. Our providers have fully engaged with this idea and provide interesting ways to engage the children and young people in the preparation of their meals.

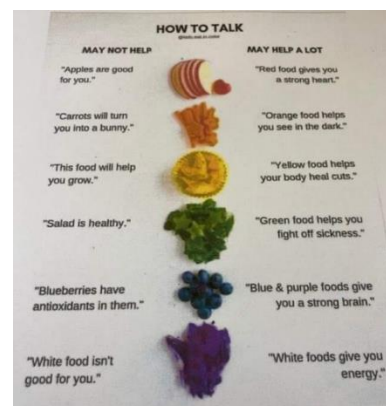
One provider used the Easter HAF to plant a variety of plants which were then picked, washed and eaten during the Summer HAF



Whenever possible the children and young people help to prepare their meals and snacks whether it as a simple as making a sandwich or making a pizza from scratch, including making the dough. Sometimes the food preparation is even combined with an art activity!



Our providers have also found some great ways to engage the participants with improving their knowledge of nutrition and selecting health options including quizzes and creative activities.








When the children and young people were asked about their favourite meals, the standout winner was pizza with a lot also saying pasta and jacket potatoes. It was good to see that these relatives cheap, healthy, and easy to prepare meals had been so popular.

Section 4 – Our delivery partners

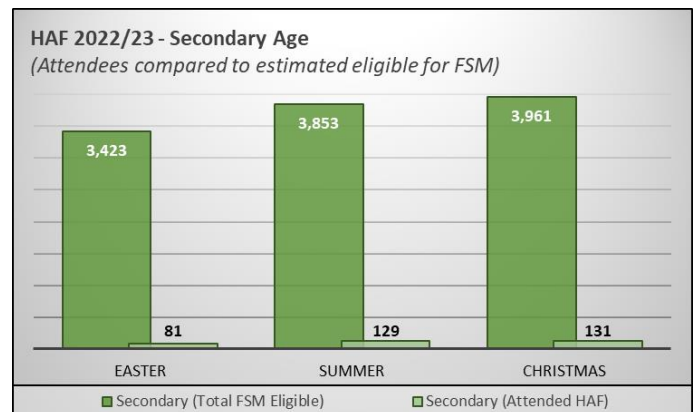
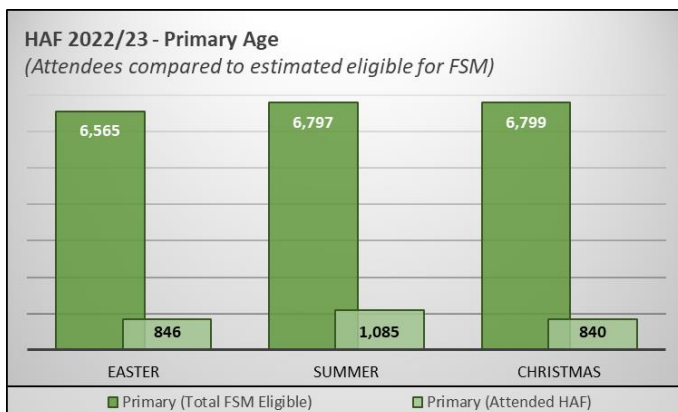
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Barnados Play House Pre-school & Out of School Club	Bright Bambini Montessori	City of Peterborough Sports Club
 THE DOGSTHORPE DEN OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB	 Eye School	 FAMILIES FIRST PETERBOROUGH
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 family action	 Fulbridge Academy	 Genius Tuition making mini geniuses
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 Gladstone Connect	 Herlington Holiday Scheme Building communities from the inside	 Jungle Kids
Gladstone Connect Ltd	Herlington Holiday Playscheme	Jungle Tots Day Nursery
 JUST DO SPORT	 LIMITLESS SPORTS & ACTIVITIES	 little miracles
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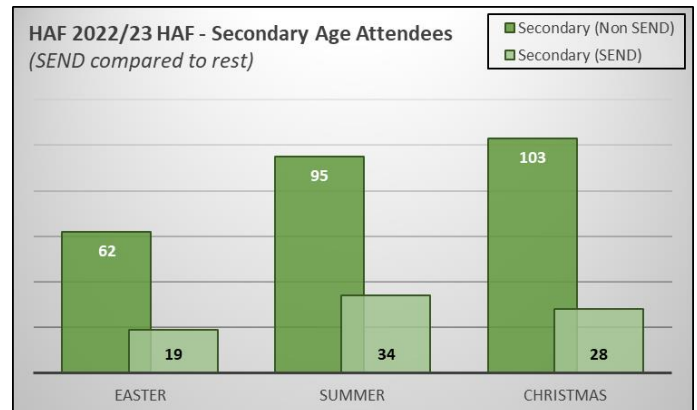
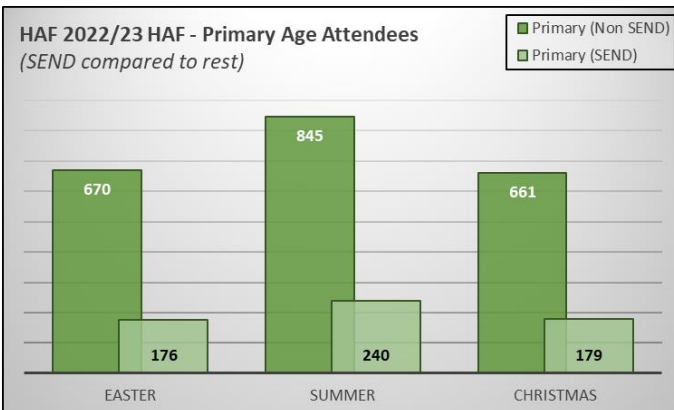
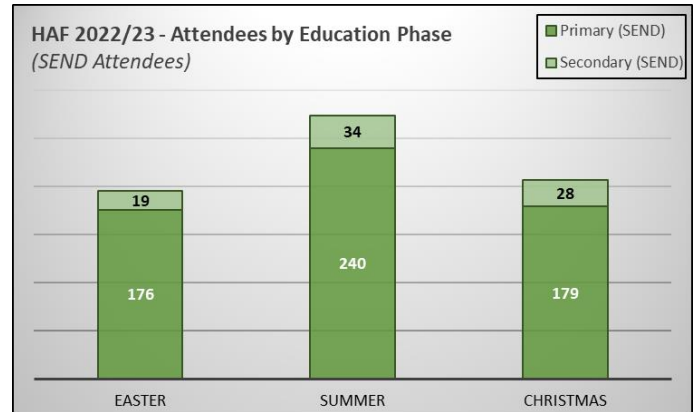
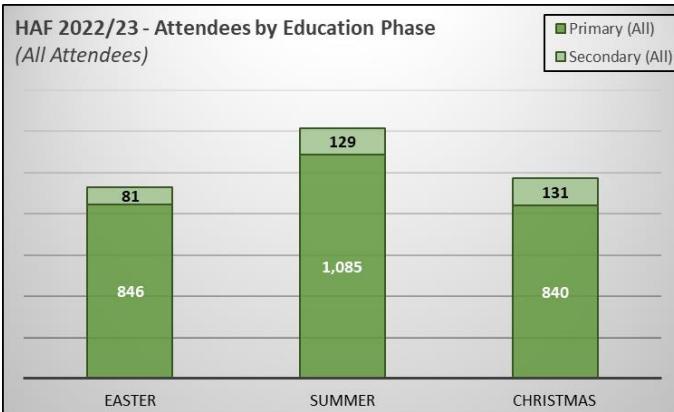
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 Stars Day Nursery Oakdale	 Thomas Deacon Academy	 Westraven Community Cafe and Garden Youth Group
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 Youth Dreams Project	 Zig Zag Day Nursery
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Section 5 – Our attendee profile





A canvas donated to the HAF Team by the street artist who did some sessions with our HAF partners.

