

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are extremely excited to inform you that Connect Studios have been successful once again in securing funding to provide 4 weeks (Monday to Thursday) of HAF Summer Camp for children in receipt of BENEFIT RELATED Free School Meals (not inc Government funded FSM).

Our HAF programme will provide FREE Arts, Crafts and Creative Arts fun for 4 hours a day over 4 days a week for 4 weeks of Summer!

The criteria for this funding is set by the Government and the guidance we have to adhere to is that the funding is for any child currently in School Year 1 (not currently in reception) to Year 9 who qualify for Benefit Related Free School Meals. We are told that we can accept a small limited number of places for children who do not receive free school meals but are diagnosed with Special Educational Needs or disabilities or children being supported by Children or Social Services.

We have also been told that we need to make these procedures aware to parents-

### **Checking Procedures**

The provider must have systems in place to ensure the young people attending their provision are eligible.

This can include one, or a combination, of the following:

- Using already held data – e.g. if the provision is a school or from previous rounds of HAF
- Taking direct referral of eligible children from schools; other trusted public body; or agency
- Direct cross checking with schools before delivery
- Direct cross checking with the HAF team before delivery

Allowing parents and families to 'self-declare' their eligibility is no longer sufficient if additional checks are not also in place to ensure that the self-declaration is accurate.

Families or young people who believe they are eligible but do not appear on the system can email their surname, national insurance number and date of birth to [holidayactivity.andfoodprogramme@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:holidayactivity.andfoodprogramme@sefton.gov.uk) or visit the below link to check the eligibility criteria and apply: <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Our HAF summer camp will run for the following weeks-

Week 1 (29th July to 1st August) – 9am till 1pm

Week 2 (5th to 8th August) – 9am till 1pm

Week 3 (12th to 15th August) – 9am till 1pm

Week 4 (19th to 22nd August) – 9am till 1pm

All places are given on a first come first served basis so if you qualify please complete the

application at the bottom of this message. We politely request that you only book for the weeks you are 100% sure you will be able to attend.

If you have any questions regarding this please let us know.

To apply please use this link-

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/ConnectStudios1/ 2024ConnectStudiosSummerHAFProgramme](https://www.cognitoforms.com/ConnectStudios1/2024ConnectStudiosSummerHAFProgramme)

Many thanks  
Team Connect