



Christmas holiday activities across the East Riding

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), East Riding of Yorkshire Council is offering children and young people the opportunity to enjoy a range of fun activities as part of a national scheme during the Christmas holidays.

There are lots of activities to choose from, including sports camps to craft activities, dance workshops to outdoor adventure sessions. Whilst all activities are inclusive, we also have a specific special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) programme and a small number of sessions just for our young people. There are 32 HAF providers delivering funded places across the county, and hope you find something that your child/children will enjoy. The programmes are open to all children and young people aged five-16 years old who go to an East Riding school and are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. There are also a limited number of places available for pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan. New to HAF this year include making festive treats including cupcakes and gingerbread, experiences with horses and family cooking sessions.



There will also be the return of event tickets to Sewerby Hall and Garden's Winter Wonderland and the pantomime at Bridlington Spa. There will be a maximum of two free adult tickets available per family, and any extra child or adult tickets required can be bought separately by contacting Bridlington Spa box office on (01262) 678258 or Sewerby Hall's welcome centre at sewerby.hall@eastriding.gov.uk. Only one of these events can be chosen to ensure fairness for all, and once the first round of tickets has been allocated, information about additional tickets will be notified through the HAF newsletter, so please sign up at eryc.link/haf. This year, some of our HAF providers are also organising trips to the pantomime too.

The booking site will be open at **10am on Sunday, 9 November**. If your child is not already registered on Plinth, the HAF booking site, please visit <https://dub.sh/IEP5tXI> or scan the QR code above. If you experience any problems registering, please locate the live chat function or email haf@eastriding.gov.uk. All HAF activities can be booked from this website. Each child and young person can book up to four sessions in the Christmas holidays subject to availability, with places allocated on a first come, first served basis. Over the period, children can practice their football skills, go on trips, performance dance routines, make festive crafts, enjoy multi-sport sessions and brave the cold with outdoor adventure fun.

The vast majority of HAF sessions are four hours long with some of our providers offering payable places on their holiday schemes for everyone to enjoy the same activities. We hope you take advantage of these fantastic activities and enjoy a fun-filled Christmas break.

With best wishes

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