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Important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) support during the school holidays.

Dear Parents/carers,

We are writing to inform you about important changes made by Sefton Council regarding Free School Meal support during school holidays from the start of the 2026/2027 academic year.

Please read the information below carefully to understand how these updates may affect your family and what support is available.

Holiday Food Vouchers.

From Autumn 2026, the Council will no longer provide voucher-based support to all eligible families during school holidays. However, a range of alternative support is still available.

Moving forward council resources are being redirected toward expanding the **Sefton Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**. Rather than receiving blanket vouchers, eligible children will be offered free holiday club spaces that include daily enrichment activities and a healthy meal.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is available to children who receive benefits-related (targeted) Free School Meals during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. In addition, some smaller-scale targeted activities may be available during half-term breaks.

A limited number of places may also be available for families who do not receive benefits-related Free School Meals. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the HAF team directly for further information.

The programme combines healthy food provision with enrichment activities, social opportunities, and wider wellbeing support for children and young people.

More information is available online by visiting <https://www.seftonfamilylife.com/> and for more information and enquiries, parents can contact the HAF team by email at holidayactivity.andfoodprogramme@sefton.gov.uk

Financial support:

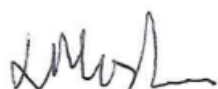
Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to visit www.sefton.gov.uk/costofliving for information about the support available to them.

Advice, guidance and support from local organisations and community groups
<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/seftonsupporthub>

If you have any questions or need assistance checking your FSM status, please contact the school office/Mrs Solkin in confidence.

If you do not live in Sefton, please see your local authority's website for help and advice.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Morton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Morton
Headteacher