## **Families Directorate**

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Dear Parent,

I hope that all is well.

Waltham Forest Holiday Activity and Food Programme is now open to enrol your child in a free holiday clubs programme over the easter.

There are free places available for children and young people eligible for benefit related free school meals. This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Waltham Forest.

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Children will be able to access a wide range of sessions throughout the easter holiday, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

To find out more and the places available to book, please visit <a href="https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays">www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays</a>

To book a place you must enter your unique code: **HAFXXX** for your child when asked for the 'FSM Code' at checkout.

If you have any queries regarding the holiday activity programme, please email <a href="mailto:wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk">wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk</a> or call 0208 496 4720

In addition to this programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit">https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit</a> to find out more.

Kind regards,

**Lindsay Jackson** 

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