

Request:

1. What provision during the summer holidays 2023 is available for children who are ordinarily eligible for free school meals?
2. What is the budget allocated for this year's scheme?
3. How many children are eligible for the support?
4. How much money has been allocated per child?
5. What is the eligibility criteria for the support?

Response:

1. Wigan Council will be running the Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE).
2. Wigan Council have been allocated £1.3m by the DfE.
3. There are currently just over 13,000 free school meal eligible children in Wigan Borough
4. There is no specified allocation per child. The DfE guidance suggests that each eligible child can access up to 24 days (4 hours per day) of provision across Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. Not every child takes up their full allocation. Wigan Council works with local Providers to provide enough places to meet demand.
5. The eligibility criteria that is followed by Wigan Council can be found at the link below.

[Holiday activities and food programme 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2022)