



**Request**

**Response**

1) Does your council have (if yes please provide a copy):

- a) A Child Poverty Strategy
- b) An All-Age Poverty Strategy

No policy – however the Council does lots to address financial inequalities in line with our missions through progress with unity across the organisation.

2) Does your council have a School Uniform Grant Scheme? (Please answer yes or no).

No

3) Does your council have a Council Tax Support Scheme for working age households? (Please answer yes or no).

Yes.

a) If yes, what is the maximum discount that can be applied as a percentage?

Working-age households without children under 5 may be entitled to up to an 80% reduction on their Council Tax liability.

Households with children under 5 may be entitled to up to a 100% reduction on their Council Tax liability.

4) How many children are eligible for means tested Free School Meals in your authority?

13,663 (Reception to Y11)

5) Do you have auto-enrolment for Free School Meals in your authority? (Please answer yes or no).

No

6) As required under Section 507B of the Education Act, has your council produced: (Please answer yes or no)

a) an assessment of need of services and activities to improve the wellbeing of qualifying young people (those aged 13-18, or up to 25 with a disability)

No, an independent review of the Borough's youth offer is being undertaken by Youth Focus Northwest and will be completed by the end of 2026.

b) a local youth offer

7) Please provide us with details any assessment your council has undertaken of accessibility and spread of Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) provision in the authority, and how these services are meeting local need	We use an online booking platform where we can see the number and school of voucher issue and where and when they have been accessed / used. We map HAF Provision against voucher issue.
8) How many children accessed HAF during the summer 2025 holiday?	9066
9) If you hold data about the following, please provide it:	
a) age of children accessing HAF during the Summer 2025 holiday	6666 (Primary school age) & 2400 (Secondary school age).
b) gender of children accessing HAF during Summer 2025 holiday	We are not required to collect this information by the DfE.
c) how many children accessing HAF during the Summer 2025 holiday had an open episode of need with children's social care	We are not required to collect this information by the DfE. Our Providers are required to liaise with Social Care Teams direct.
10) Please list the types of activities included in the HAF programme during summer 2025 holidays and include target age and spaces available.	<p>We have 50+ Providers who provided 33,950 places covering a range of activities for 5-16 year-olds including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports</li> <li>• Outdoor Adventure</li> <li>• Computing</li> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Culture &amp; Arts</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Nutrition and cooking</li> <li>• Oral Health</li> <li>• Horse Riding</li> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Play</li> <li>• Youth Work</li> <li>• Gym and group exercise classes</li> <li>• Forest School</li> </ul>