

# WORCESTERSHIRE WINTER HAF (SEND FRIENDLY)



## and Groups Activities and Short Breaks

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# WHAT'S ON GUIDE

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# INTRODUCTION

## Winter HAF

Worcestershire's winter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is running between Saturday 21st December and Sunday 5th January. There's a huge range of fun activities on offer this winter. Take a look through this brochure to see what we have in store! Please also read below carefully for information on eligibility and the booking process.

## What is HAF?

Worcestershire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is a Department for Education funded programme offering free activities and meals during the school holidays for children aged 5 - 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM). In addition, limited places are available to other groups of children and young people who are considered financially or otherwise vulnerable. To find out if your child is eligible, go to the '[How to Take Part](#)' page on the Worcestershire County Council Website

All activity clubs are inclusive of Children with SEND and you are welcome to book any of our mainstream activity days. We do also have some specialised SEND clubs on offer, these are run by providers with specialist facilities, training or adapted activities. Please take care on sign up for any of these activities to provide as much information about your child to providers, for example what support your child has at school, it's important that they have this in order to best support and safeguard your child. **Please note, HAF activity providers reserve the right to cancel a place if they are not able to support needs as per their risk assessments.**

## The Booking Process for HAF

1. You must be registered on the Worcestershire HAF website to be able to book activities. You will not be able to book until you are approved. If you haven't already registered, sign up at [the Worcestershire HAF Booking Service](#).
2. Once FSM status has been verified, you will receive an email with login details and password for your account.
3. You can log in and book sessions for your children. For the winter holidays, each eligible child can book up to 4 free places.

Children in receipt of FSM can book straight on to activities, as the programme is aimed at this group. Children not in receipt of FSM cannot book straight on to activities, as the programme is primarily for FSM children. Therefore, places for non-FSM children are limited and not guaranteed. After finding an activity they would like to book, parents/carers will need to contact the activity provider to discuss their child's needs and the provider's space availability.

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## Cancelling Bookings / No Shows - HAF

- If cancelling, this must be done at least 24 hours before activity. If sick on the day - please still notify the provider as soon as possible. Other people miss out if you do not cancel with adequate warning or do not show without notifying.
- If you change your mind you must cancel to free up the place before rebooking.

For live updates follow our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/HAFWorcestershire/>

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## Worcestershire's Groups Activities and Short Breaks

Worcestershire's Groups Activities and Short Breaks (GA&SB) is a scheme to secure places at specialist activity clubs throughout the year for children and young people (aged 5- 18) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

### Targeted Groups and Activities advertised in this booklet:

- Are for those unable to access mainstream activities.
- Are specialised for Children and young people with SEND.
- Involves a mix of respite and stay-and-play groups.
- Read on to find the list of targeted providers and their offerings.
- View them online and book [here](#).

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There is additional support available too. If your child can access Universal Services or requires Specialist Services such as short breaks, go [here](#) for more information.

### FAQs

**Can I access both HAF and GASB?** Yes, if child or young person with SEND is in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) they are eligible for both programmes.

There are also limited HAF places for Children and Young People with SEND (non-FSM Eligible), please sign up and then contact the HAF provider directly to discuss availability.

**Please note that while HAF is free for eligible young people, parents/carers may have to pay a fee to access GASB.** There are a number of subsidised places available through GASB for targeted groups and activities so parents/carers can pay similar rates as for universal places. Once all subsidised places have been filled, parents/carers have the option to pay full price for their child.

**Is transport funded as part of GASB or HAF?** Transport can be challenging for families with both disabled and non-disabled children. Travel Assistance for either programme is not provided as a matter of course. Families are encouraged to consider if they are eligible for the Motability element of their Disability Living Allowance and whether this could support their travel.

**More SEND specific providers are being added in 2025 for both HAF and GA&SB so if you can't find anything for this winter don't worry as you may still find something next year!! We also know that a lot of the activities are closed . If you are interested but there isn't space now, email [enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hafworcestershire.co.uk) to register your interest and be put on the waiting list.**

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# Mainstream HAF Activities- can accomodate children with moderate SEND needs

Provider	Activity	location	Dates	Age Range	Contact details
Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub	Sports, arts & crafts, board games, video games, mindfulness workshops and life skills sessions (eg cooking)	Bromsgrove Baptist Church, New Road, B60 2JD	December 23rd, 27th, 30th December January 2nd, 3rd	8-13 yrs	do@thhub bromsgrove.org
ECK HARDMAN LTD T/A Jam Coding	digital activities eg coding, animation and design, combined with creative offline activities such as arts, crafts, sports and puzzles- 50/50 split of offline and online learning.	Holy Redeemer Primary School, Pershore, WR10 1EB	December 30th, 31st- January 2nd, 3rd (9:30 - 13:30)	6-11 yrs	
Empower Active CIC	Multisports, crafting, baking	Worcester Play Centre, 13 Orchard St, Cherry Orchard, WR5 3DW	December 23rd - Festive Fun Family Day 30th - Day out January 2nd & 3rd January - sports and activity camp	4-13 yrs	natalie@empoweractive.co.uk
Evesham Adventure Playground Association	Christmas Playscheme at Evesham Adventure Playground -a range of festive activities	Evesham Adventure Playground, Woodlands, WR11 1XH	December 23rd/24th January, 2nd/3rd (10am -3pm)	5-13 yrs	info@eveshamadventureplayground.org

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Provider	Activity	location	dates	Age range	Contact details
Heart of England Forest	Outdoor adventure in the woods including outdoor cooking, marshmallow toasting and outdoor activities like den building, bug hunting, arts and crafts	Gorcott Hill Outdoor Learning Centre ,Gorcott Hill Beoley, Redditch B49 6JE	January 2nd, 3rd (10am -2pm)"	5-16 yrs	elaine.skates@heartofenglandforest.org
Lakeside Campus (University of Worcester)	Abseil, Archery, Bushcraft, Canoeing, Climbing, Kayaking, Nightline, Orienteering, Raft Building, Paddleboarding, Team Challenge, Leap of Faith, Mini and Big Zip, Water Safe.	University of Worcester, WR6 6NH	January 2nd, 3rd (9am-3pm)	6-14 yrs	Lakeside@worc.ac.uk
Museums Worcestershire	Visit to Worester City Art Museum	Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum, Foregate Street, WR1 1DT	January 3rd (SEND sessions, 10:00 till 12 and 12:30 till 14:30)	5-11 (older if a sibling)	Megan.Kearny@Worcester.gov.uk
Perdiswell Young Persons Leisure Club	Christmas party, games, sports, crafting, trip to indoor skate park, theatre trip	Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club, WR3 7SN	Monday 23rd December 23rd, 24th January 2nd, 3rd	8-11 yrs and 11-16 yrs session	phil@pyplc.co.uk

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Pershore Riverside Youth Centre	Craft and gift making- Gift box designing, Card making Headdresses/hat making- from recycled materials, sports games and cooking.	King George's Way, Pershore , WR10 1QU	TBC	7-14 yrs	admin@pershoreriversidecentre.org.uk
Shine out of school Club	Crafts, games, food related activities, sports activities, nature based activities, music and musical instrument based activities. Visits to local woods.	Evesham Methodist Church, WR11 4SF	December 23rd, 27th, 30th, 31st January 2nd, 3rd (9am-4pm)	3-10 yrs	Kelly.shine manager@gmail.com
Worcestershire Cricket Foundation	Glow in the dark multi sports sessions.	Nunnery Wood Sports Hall, Worcester, WR5 2NL	January 3rd	5-11 yrs (12 yr old siblings allowed)	elsa-marie.evans@worcestershirecricketfoundation.co.uk

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# HAF Activities - can accommodate children with Complex SEND needs:

Provider	Activity	location	dates	Age range	Contact details
Worcester Snoezelen CIO	Stay and Play session that give Children and their families exclusive access to our four sensory rooms, soft play zone, sensory garden and reception area.	3 Turnpike Close, Worcester , WR2 6AB	December 21st (14:00-16:00), 28th (10:00-12:00) January 4th (10:00-12:00).	5-19 yrs	Bookings team- 01905 748229.
Redditch United in the Community CIC	Family match day package. You will get a gift box with 4 tickets inside for our home game on January 4th! You will also receive 2 Redditch United hats, 2 Redditch United scarfs and food tokens for the family to be used on site at our cafe!	Redditch United FC, Sallie Swan Street , Redditch, B97 4AU	January 4th - 3pm kick off	no age range	rory.budge@redditchunited.co.uk
Redgate Sports (Closed group- email if interested)	Multisports	Kings Worcester , Worcester , WR1 2LL	December 23rd, 30th January (10.00-12.30 and 1.30-4pm)	8-16 yrs	

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# HAF Activities- SEND only

Provider	Activity	location	dates	Age range	Contact details
PAL Fitness Education CIC	Panto trip (3rd Jan) Party Days pre Christmas Pre- New Year celebration. Dance, Zumba, Street, L2Swim & Splash sessions, team sports arts and crafts, Wellbeing Workshops, Thinking Zone.	Evesham Leisure Centre, WR11 4ST and Pershore Leisure Centre, WR10 1DF and Unit 42, The Valley Evesham, , WR11 4DS	December 23rd, 27th, 30th  January 3rd	4-18 yrs	PAL.Fitness@outlook.com
Midland Mencap (closed group - email if interested)	A short-break day trip to Atwell Farm Park. Soft play, play park, jumping pillows and bikes.	Attwell Farm Park, Seafield Lane, B98 9DB	January 2nd	8-16yrs	worcesterenquiries@midlandmencap.org.uk
Rigby Hall School (Closed group- email if interested)	Football, rebound, boogie bounce, team games and multi skills, wood work, cooking, arts and crafts hair salon + gym pod access for older children	Rigby Hall School, Bromsgrove, B60 2EP	December 27th, 30th January 2nd, 3r	4-18 yrs	eshelton@rigbyhall.worcs.sch.uk





# Groups Activities and Short Breaks

Provider	Location	Session timings	Dates	Which levels they are able to support
Redditch Borough Council	Your Ideas Youth & Community Project, Dilwyn Close, Redditch, B98 0BU	After school club	Weekly session for 2 hours- December 2nd, 9th, 16th	Level 1 / Universal Level 2 - Additional
Midland Mencap	Warndon Hub, Shap Drive, Worcester, WR4 9NX	Christmas School Holidays	December 23rd, 27th, 30th January 3rd	Level 1 / Universal Level 2 - Additional Level 3 - Multiple and Complex
Malvern Special Families	No fixed venue	Saturday Clubs (10am-3pm), Holiday Clubs , After School Clubs (3-5pm), Evening Youth Clubs (6:30pm-8:30pm)	Every Saturday between 5/10/24 and 21/12/24 After School Clubs Tuesdays and Thursdays until 17/12 /24 Evening Youth Club Wednesdays until 18/12 /24	Level 1 / Universal Level 2 - Additional Level 3 - Multiple and Complex Level 4 - Acute
Pershore Riverside Youth Centre	King Georges Way Pershore Worcs WR10 1QU	Saturday Club (14-18yrs)- 3pm - 6pm Sunday Club (7-16yrs)- 10:30am - 1:30pm	All Saturdays and Sundays	Level 1 / Universal Level 2 - Additional Level 3 - Multiple and Complex

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Worcester Snoezelen CIO	King Georges Way Pershore Worcs WR10 1QU	Snoezey Sunday sessions - 2 sessions per Sunday running from 9:30-12:15 and 13:30-16:15	December - 1st, 15th (half day), 22nd	Level 1 / Universal Level 2 - Additional Level 3 - Multiple and Complex Level 4 - Acute
PAL Fitness Education CIC	No fixed venue	Saturday weekly club (12-2pm)- Inclusive  Xmas holiday period - Weekly Stay and Play sessions for children aged 0-7 with SEND (10am- 12)  - Disability football sessions (weekly) U16's sessions Fridays 6-7pm U12's & U8's Sundays 9-10am Comets Sundays (Less structure, incorporates sensory play and facilitating more complex needs) 9-10am	- Cycling Saturday club: Every Saturday from 5/10 - 21/12  - Stay and Play, Weekly from Thursday 03/10- 19/12  - Xmas Holidays (days TBC): Splash and play (2 hrs), Fundamental Movement Skills Academy (2 hrs) Xmas party at Marolyn's (2 hrs) Disability football holiday session  - Disability Football sessions	Level 1 / Universal Level 2 - Additional Level 3 - Multiple and Complex Level 4 - Acute

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