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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Free School Meals & Holiday Activities/Food Booking System changes

I am writing to confirm some updates that have recently taken place regarding the Holiday Activities and Food (HAFS) programme that is run by the Department for Education (DfE).

The DfE created this programme which aims to support children, young people and families eligible for HAF to:

- eat more healthily over the school holidays and try new foods
- be more active during the school holidays
- take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment
- be safe and not so socially isolated
- have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition
- be more engaged with school and other local services

HAF Holiday Activities are run all across Devon and each child can book up to 4 sessions. In previous years you may have booked on to these events using the voucher code system. However, the programme has had an update and is now only bookable via [this link](#) and therefore you will not receive a voucher code. For further information including eligibility, additional needs access and general FAQs please visit: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/information-for-parents/>

Spaces will be prioritised for those in receipt of Free School Meals. If your child is not currently signed up for free school meals but you are in receipt of the following support payments:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

You may be eligible for free meals and therefore also HAFs. Please apply online via the citizen portal, which can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or would like any support in applying for Free School Meals, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on munro@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Best wishes
Mr R Munro
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