

Sign up to Birmingham's biggest free summer holiday activities programme



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Families across Birmingham can now register for Happy Healthy Holidays this summer, where kids and teens can learn to cook and get active.

This free holiday food and fun activity programme will be delivered at over 100 local venues in Birmingham. Sessions will include a healthy snack and meal, catering for all dietary needs.

If you are interested in the programme and want to join, visit: www.sportbirmingham.org/hhh or register directly with the club providers. More details on the different providers can also be found online.

Children over the age of 13 who want to take part in Happy Healthy Holidays can register their details themselves. For children under the age of 13 a parent or guardian will need to register them.

Caroline Wolhuter, Head of Innovation and Impact at Accord Housing Association, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for families across Birmingham, particularly those who find summers challenging in terms of being able to access affordable nutritious healthy food and fun physical activities; they also provide a wonderful opportunity to learn new things and make new friends.

"If you're interested in joining us, I would encourage you to sign up sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment."

Happy Healthy Holidays secured Â£2million funding from the Department for Education earlier this year, and will be running activity days across all of Birmingham's ten districts this summer aiming to help 18,000 children.

The programme aims to increase and improve the quality of holiday provision, and to help families access affordable food and activities during the school summer holidays.

The initiative forms the largest of the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food Pilot Programmes this

summer, and builds on Accord's experience of taking action in this area over the last six years.

Tim Boyes, Chief Executive at Birmingham Education Partnership, said: "Birmingham should be thrilled with the opportunity this funding brings. There is compelling evidence for how positive engagement and healthy eating through the summer can make a big difference to our children. The ambition behind this project is great, and a testament to what partnerships can achieve."

Mike Chamberlain Chief Executive at Sport Birmingham added: "Physical Activity levels amongst children and young people in Birmingham are below the national average, this investment will enable local communities to provide a great experience for Birmingham's Children and families by offering fun, free, and accessible activity during the summer holiday period."

This Accord led consortium is strongly committed to community wellbeing and children's outcomes in Birmingham, and includes Birmingham Playcare Network, the Active Wellbeing Society, and Sport Birmingham. Accord is also supported by a wider network of partners including, Fareshare, Brakes Meals & More, Birmingham City Council, Severn Trent, Birmingham Education Partnership and the Let's Cook Project.
