

HAF eligibility is changing

From September 2026: what families need to know

Families who no longer qualify for HAF can still find activities, childcare help and local support.

Your child may not remain eligible for HAF from Winter 2026 if they qualify for Expanded Free School Meals (FSM) only or their transitional protections are ending.

Still eligible for HAF

Children who meet the Targeted FSM criteria remain eligible.

Targeted FSM means children in households with income below the existing £7,400 threshold.

Not automatically eligible

HAF will not expand with the new Expanded FSM rules.

From September 2026, FSM will include all Universal Credit households, but Expanded FSM does not include HAF eligibility.

Why some families will see a change

Transitional protections end at the close of the 2025–2026 academic year. Some children who currently access HAF because of FSM protections will no longer be eligible after the 2026 summer holiday.

Other places to look for holiday activities and childcare support

Bexley sport & fitness

Local sport and leisure options, including leisure centres, Get Active in Bexley, disability sports and activity directories.



SCAN / TAP:
bexley.gov.uk

Club Hub UK

Search kids clubs, after-school clubs, holiday camps, family events and SEND activities by age and postcode.



SCAN / TAP:
clubhubuk.co.uk

National FSM information

Find national information about changes in FSM eligibility.



SCAN / TAP:
educationhub.blog.gov.uk

Unsure what applies to your family?

Check with your child's school if your child is still eligible for HAF. HAF eligibility is based on Targeted FSM, not Expanded FSM.