

HAF NEWSLETTER

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Our bi-weekly HAF newsletter provides important information to help support the delivery of your provision, as well as useful guidance, resources, key dates, funding opportunities and more!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM DELIVERY UPDATES

With February half term less than three weeks away, please take a look at this years February half term theme, key reminders around the delivery and how to use our Partner Hub to promote your clubs.

FEBRUARY THEME: CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

A reminder that Children's Mental Health Week took place from 5th-11th February 2024 with the theme 'My Voice Matters' and we have been supporting the national campaign alongside [Place2Be](#).

We would like you to support on this during your February half term delivery with different resources for families, primary and secondary children to use, which you can find on our [Partner Hub](#).

[Please feel free to add your club to the Children's Mental Health Week map](#) and share how you are supporting Children's Mental Health Week to inspire others around the UK and beyond to support children's mental health.

2024/2025 PROVIDER UPDATES

PARTNER ONBOARDING 2024

The Essex ActivAte team will be hosting onboarding workshops in March, welcoming all 2024 HAF partners to the programme! There are two dates to choose from:

Monday 18th March (Colchester Rugby Club)

Wednesday 20th March (Wat Tyler, Basildon)

There will be an opportunity to network, meet your locality lead, take part in training workshops and collect your resources for Easter delivery. **It is essential that a representative from each organisation must attend one of the days above.** Times will be sent accordingly.

[Please complete the form here to select your workshop.](#)

KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT FEBRUARY HALF TERM

- Please use the hashtag [#EssexActivAte](#) when posting across online channels, and not #HAF, as half term programmes are solely funded by Essex County Council.
- Parents **will not need a HolidayActivities voucher code** to book their children onto your clubs.
- Parents will book onto a February half term club on the [Essex ActivAte website here](#).

PARTNER HUB

Please promote and share your clubs as much as possible, by using our logo, posters and images to reach and engage families. You will find these on our [Partner Hub](#) under the [Communications Hub Page](#).

WONDE TRAINING

As detailed in the Essex ActivAte information webinar and application process, it is a requirement for you to use the Holiday Activities, WONDE centralised booking system for Easter, Summer and Winter HAF delivery.

At least one member from your team must attend one of the following online training/refresher sessions:

Option 1: Monday 19th February at 11am-12pm

Option 2: Tuesday 20 February at 4.30-5.30pm

Option 3: Wednesday 21 February 2-3pm

Please complete this form to secure your session and access your information and training link: <https://forms.gle/vPLia3LmQ4VQoMwF8>

● DATES TO CONSIDER ●

26th February
Path To Paris launch

8th - 17th March
British Science Week

12th - 18th March
Nutrition and Hydration Week



WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

BECOME A MINISTRY OF FOOD

We are excited to announce that further opportunities for you or a member of your organisation to take part in the Jamie Oliver Ministry Of Food training course 2024, funded by Essex ActivAte, is now open!



The training involves practical cooking sessions, nutrition tutorials and kitchen skills. It provides trainees with all the correct skills to deliver our inspiring, hands-on, high-quality Ministry of Food cooking classes.

Spaces are limited to a total of 8 participants for this training course, therefore we will be looking for one person to be trained per organisation that is selected.

Please contact Cheryl.lomas@activeessex.org with your Expression of Interest form (attached to this email) by Thursday 22nd February 2024.

Please note, the funding is for Essex wards only and Thurrock organisations will not be able to apply. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

PLAY THEIR WAY INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Monday 19th February 10am-11:30am.

The Play Their Way movement aims to help coaches in the UK adopt a child-first approach in sport and physical activity and prioritise children and young people's rights, positive experiences and enjoyment. We're doing this by providing coaches with practical support and resources to transform how they coach and ultimately increase activity levels by supporting children and young people to stay active.

This interactive workshop, delivered by Stuart Armstrong and Alex Darbon-Cole of Sport England, will explore what child-first coaching looks like for you, share great practice and highlight resources to develop your coaching.

To book your place, [please click here](#).

JAMIE OLIVER SCHOOL FOOD AWARDS

The Jamie Oliver team shared details of their new campaign which launched this week called the Jamie Oliver School Food Awards. The Jamie Oliver Good School Food Awards celebrate the sheer brilliance, ingenuity and determination of those working in the education system to bring good food to our children.

Schools and people working within schools can be nominated and last year's winners are [here](#): a Chelmsford school won an award last year which is amazing! Details of the categories and how to nominate are [here](#).

PATH TO PARIS

Joined by a Team GB or Paralympics GB athlete, Path to Paris are providing an opportunity for delivery partners across the UK to virtually meet and celebrate the invaluable role they play in bringing the programme together.

Wednesday 28 February 2024
12noon -1pm (Virtual Session)



Run through the basics of Get Sets' Path to Paris, Team GB and Paralympics GB's official youth engagement programme, so you can confidently inspire children in your community with the magic of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- Ensure you have the knowledge and resources to effectively brand the work you are doing
- Share best practice between partners
- Learn more about upcoming opportunities available to you as Path to Paris partners

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/gT56Z3d4RB>

UPCOMING KEY DATES

19th - 23rd February
February half term delivery

1st March
February half term evaluation deadline

4th March
Easter bookings go live and voucher codes released by schools

18th and 20th March
Onboarding and resource collection