



DfE Framework of Standards for HAF Activities

We expect all providers who are funded through the HAF programme to meet our framework of standards. The standards that we expect for 2021 providers are:

- a. **Food:** Clubs must provide at least one meal a day (breakfast, lunch or tea) and all food provided by the club (including snacks) must meet school food standards. Our expectation is that the majority of food served by providers will be hot, however, we acknowledge that there will be occasions when this is not possible and that a cold alternative should be used. All food provided as part of the programme must comply with regulations on food preparation and take into account allergies and dietary requirements and preferences as well as any religious or cultural requirements for food.
- b. **Enriching activities:** Clubs must provide fun and enriching activities that provide children with opportunities to develop new skills or knowledge, or to try out new experiences. This could include: physical activities such as football, table tennis, cricket; creative activities such as putting on a play, junk modelling, drumming workshops; or experiences such as a nature walk, visiting a city farm etc. Authorities should consider how they can support providers to deliver a rich and varied mix of fun and enriching activities which are age appropriate.
- c. **Physical activities:** Clubs must provide activities which meet the Physical Activity Guidelines on a daily basis.
- d. **Nutritional education:** Clubs must include an element of nutritional education each day aimed at improving the knowledge and awareness of healthy eating for children. These do not need to be formal learning activities and could for example include activities such as getting children involved in food preparation and cooking, growing fruit and vegetables, and taste tests.
- e. **Food education for families and carers:** Clubs must include at least weekly training and advice sessions for parents, carers and other family members which provide advice on how to source, prepare and cook nutritious and low-cost food.
- f. **Signposting and referrals:** Clubs must be able to provide information, signposting or referrals to other services and support that would benefit the children who attend their provision and their families. This could include sessions, information provided by:
 1. Citizens Advice
 2. School nurses, dentists or other healthcare practitioners
 3. Family support services or children's services
 4. Housing support officers
 5. Jobcentre plus
 6. Organisations providing financial education

g. **Policies and procedures:** Clubs must be able to demonstrate and explain their safeguarding arrangements and have relevant and appropriate policies and procedures in place in relation to:

1. Safeguarding
2. Health and Safety
3. Insurance
4. Accessibility and inclusiveness
5. Where appropriate, clubs must also be compliant with the Ofsted requirements for working with children.