



Easter Holiday Course HAF Report - Impact Report

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Project Overview

Over the Easter holiday period, The Soccerstars Foundation successfully delivered the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme across a range of venues in Derby and the surrounding areas.

Delivery took place over two weeks, across 10 venues including Derby Rugby Club, Landau Forte Collage, Springwood Leisure Centre, Etwall Leisure Centre, Pingle Academy, Melbourne, Friesland School, Kirk Hallam Community Academy, Belper Town FC, and Ripley Academy.

Participation and Reach

Across the programme, we provided a total of 660 available places, with an overall attendance rate of 87%, equating to approximately 574 children accessing provision over the Easter period. This reflects strong engagement across all venues and highlights the continued demand for accessible holiday provision.



Support for Children

At the start of each course, children received welcome packs, helping them settle in and feel part of the programme from day one. They also had the opportunity to get to know our coaching team, with clear communication around expectations and daily delivery. Timetables were available on the day, ensuring both children and parents understood how each session would run. We also shared posters and feedback opportunities with both parents and children to gather insight and improve future delivery.

Each session provided children with a healthy packed lunch, ensuring access to nutritious food throughout the day. Alongside this, we offered additional signposting and support for families, including referrals to initiatives such as Mickleover's football boot swap, helping to reduce financial barriers and support continued participation outside of the programme.

The programme included a mix of both football and multi-sport provision, giving children a varied and engaging experience. Multi-sport sessions included activities such as dodgeball, cricket, tennis, handball, and basketball, allowing children to try new sports and develop a range of skills. Football sessions focused on skill development as well as fun, themed small sided tournaments, encouraging teamwork, confidence, and enjoyment.

In addition to physical activity, we delivered enrichment activities which were shared with parents following the course. These included structured workbooks covering health and nutrition, as well as English and maths based activities, supporting continued learning during the holidays.

Key Focuses

A key focus of this delivery was improving inclusion and accessibility. Each venue had a designated quiet space, alongside the use of fidget tools and activity stations to support children with SEND or those who may need additional support. This ensured that all children could engage in a way that suited their needs and feel comfortable within the environment.

To celebrate the success of the programme, we held an end-of-week awards ceremony at each venue, inviting parents to attend. This provided an opportunity to recognise the children's achievements and celebrate their involvement. Awards included Best Attitude, Star Performance, and Player of the Week, giving children the chance to take home a trophy. In addition, all children received a certificate, ensuring that every participant felt recognised and valued.

Feedback

We received a high level of positive feedback from both parents and children, highlighting the impact of the programme. One parent shared that their child struggles with socialising but, through attending the course, was able to make new friends, with coaches providing strong support throughout. Another parent explained that they are currently facing financial challenges and that the HAF provision helped keep their children active, build new relationships, and benefit from a healthy packed lunch, which they described as a "huge help."

Children also shared positive feedback, with many saying they enjoyed learning new skills and taking part in the themed tournaments. One child commented, "I don't ever win anything, and I am really proud that I won Star Performance it has given me more confidence," demonstrating the positive impact on confidence and self-belief.

Conclusion

Overall, the Easter HAF programme was highly successful, delivering strong attendance, positive engagement, and clear impact across physical activity, wellbeing, and inclusion. The combination of sport, enrichment, nutrition, and celebration created a well rounded experience for children and families.

Moving forward, we will continue to build on this delivery by strengthening our enrichment offer, expanding signposting opportunities, and continuing to develop inclusive provision to ensure we meet the needs of all children.



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