

FULLY INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY CLUBS

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Inspire Together run high-quality Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) camps in the school holidays for children aged 5-16 years as part of Leicester City Council's provision for Free School Meal eligible children. The daily activity camps provide children from Leicester with access to high-quality physical activity & health related sessions, and importantly a free meal each day just as they would get at school.

We strive to ensure that the camps are appropriate for children and young people with a range of abilities and needs, and during our Spring 2024 HAF camp we were able to offer a number of places to children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND).

One such young person, a pupil from a local special school with additional needs, joined us for the first time at our Spring camp. When we knew that she had registered we organised additional funds for a member of staff from her school to be her 1 to 1 support for the week. Because of her particular needs we felt it was important that each day there was a familiar face who she felt comfortable with and who knew her individual needs to give her the best possible experience at the camp. This was supported with additional financial support from the HAF team at Leicester City Council, without this it would not have been possible to offer the support.

The young person took part in a range of activities from badminton to exploring the Leicester Libraries Book Bus and really enjoyed expressing herself to the music during the dance session! She was able to join in with the activities with some adaptations and when necessary, have alone time with her support worker to do some quieter activities away from the group.

This was the first time her parents had been able to find a holiday camp which would accommodate their daughter's needs. They were extremely grateful and really pleased with how well she got on and the smile on her face. It was fantastic that we were able to offer a HAF camp place to this pupil & it was incredibly rewarding to see how much she got out of the camp.



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