

Sir Francis Hill HAF 15% discretionary E-voucher allocations

Holiday and Food vouchers (HAF) are distributed to all parents of children who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) at various points during the school year. As in previous HAF delivery periods, schools have discretion to use up to 15% of their funding to provide E-vouchers for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related FSM but who the school believe could benefit from HAF.

In deciding which children should benefit from the 15% E-vouchers, schools should ensure that these places are aligned to their local priorities. At Sir Francis Hill, we have received communication from Lincolnshire County Council, who continuously monitor and reviews the use and impact of the HAF programme in Lincolnshire who have stated that HAF places should be allocated to the most disadvantaged children. At Sir Francis Hill, we have approximately 170 children entitled to FSM and we can allocate 15% of this number in addition, which equates to 25 children.

To help Sir Francis Hill identify these children, we will consider the following characteristics:

- Children assessed by the local authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- Young carers
- Looked-after children or previously looked after children
- Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities who have been identified will benefit from HAF (at SFH this will be children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan)
- Children who have low attendance rates at school or who are at risk of exclusion
- Children living in areas of high deprivation or from low-income households who are not in receipt of free school meals
- Elective home educated children
- Ukrainian and Afghanistan refugees

If you request any further information on this matter, please contact Miss Caroline Bibby (AHT/DSL) on admin@sflh.lincs.sch.uk (FAO Caroline Bibby) or 01522 520359.

If you request further information regarding HAF, please visit:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/holiday-activities-food-programme>