

# Increasing attendance of children with SEND at HAF activities



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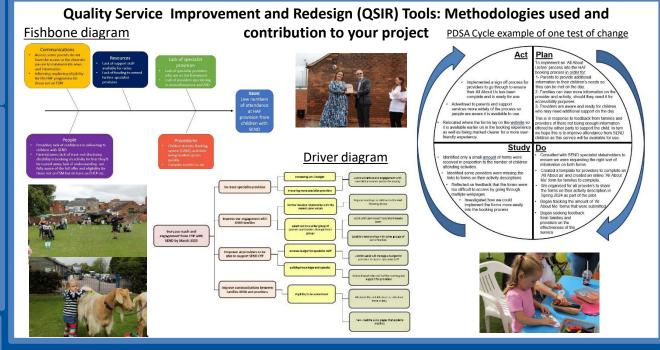
### About the Project

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is a DFE funded scheme that provides funded activities and meals to children and young people eligible for free school meals, reception to year 11. As part of our effort towards inclusivity and achieving our targets set out in our Equalities Impact Assessment, we are looking to increase the attendance of children that have a special education need and/or disability.

Aims & Objectives To improve attendance and engagement from children and young people with SEND to 25% By March 2025

### Measures Used

Attendance data, satisfaction surveys, comparison of attendance of FSM children with SEND, qualitative feedback by working with the Parent Carer Alliance



#### Project Outcomes, Progress and Impact

- 10.6% of HAF attendees in Spring 2024 identified as having a special educational need or disability
- In Summer 2024, we experienced a large increase to 27% of SEND children attending, surpassing our original target.
- Overall we have seen an increase of 16% since beginning our improvement journey, reaching our objective.
- We commissioned a specialist community connector for families with SEND- the Parent Carer Alliance (PCA) who already work closely with these families. We also consult with the PCA on our HAF processes and projects to improve the experience for families with SEND.
- Specialist SEND provider, Paternoster school was awarded an 'above and beyond' HAF award after receiving the most nominations from families in the Cotswolds.

## Learning for the Improvement Community

The initial use of the fishbone diagram really helped us begin to identify where improvements can be made in different areas in order for us to reach our objective- it was not one area of improvement but many.

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