

Barnet Active Creative Engaging holidays



HOLIDAYS

April 2023 – January 2024


Holidays Activities and Food Programme

2023 Annual Report

Caring for people, our places and the planet

barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays





Welcome	3
Mapping demand and Provision	4
Background	5
How we delivered	6
Steering Group Table	7
BACE Champions	8
SEND	9
Quality of Provision	11
Partnership working	12
Up-skilling providers and sustainability	15
Feedback and Case Studies	16
Communicating	18
Budget and expenditure	19
Thank you	22

Welcome

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme is a government-funded initiative aimed at ensuring that children and young people have access to nutritious food and enriching activities during the school holidays. In Barnet, we have worked tirelessly to create a diverse range of programmes that cater to the diverse needs of our community, providing support to families and offering children opportunities for growth, learning, and fun.

Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. (BACE) Holidays is how Barnet Child & Family Early Help Services, in partnership with the Young Barnet Foundation deliver holiday activities for children and young people in the borough. The BACE Holiday programme provides children aged 4 – 16 with opportunities to have fun, learn new skills and make more friends during the Spring, Summer, and Winter holidays.



As Lead Member for children, I am delighted to introduce our BACE Holidays 2023 Annual Report which sums up the hard work, dedication, and community spirit that have driven our efforts to support children and their families during the school holidays. It is through that drive and passion that our BACE Holiday Programme has grown every year, providing safe, nurturing and stimulating environments for children outside of school term. I am proud to support our mission for an all-inclusive programme that provides nutritional support, encourages personal growth, community connection and supports positive mental health outcomes.

It has been my pleasure to witness first-hand, the impact BACE Holidays has on children, I have seen their smiles and heard their laughter. I have heard from parents how BACE Holidays is providing the support they need to keep their children engaged in positive activities during the school holidays.

The success of BACE Holidays is only made possible by the collaborative efforts of our delivery partners, volunteers and community leaders. Who have together, built a diverse and engaging programme that meets their physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

This annual report provides personal stories and details the scope and volume of our reach, which we are committed to expanding in 2024/25. Thank you for being a part of this vital initiative. Together, we are creating brighter, healthier futures for our children.

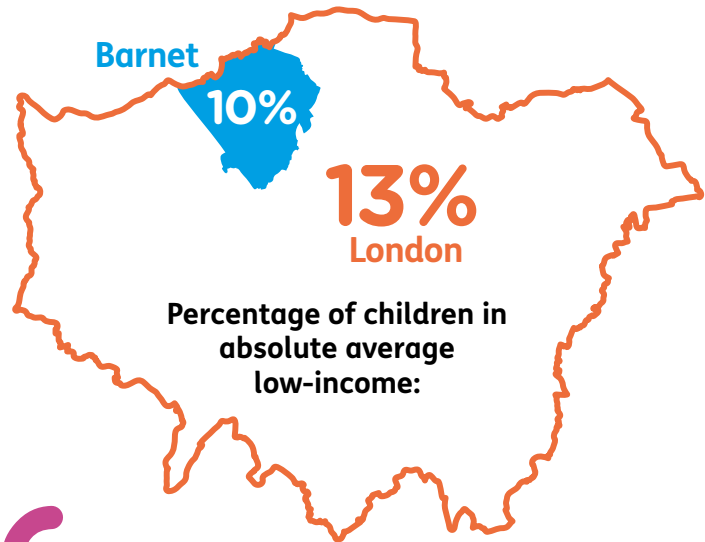
Cllr Pauline Coakley-Webb
Cabinet Member for Family Friendly Barnet

Mapping demand and Provision



Barnet is the 2nd largest London Borough by Population size

389,101 residents (2021 Census)



Percentage of children in absolute average low-income:

10.6%

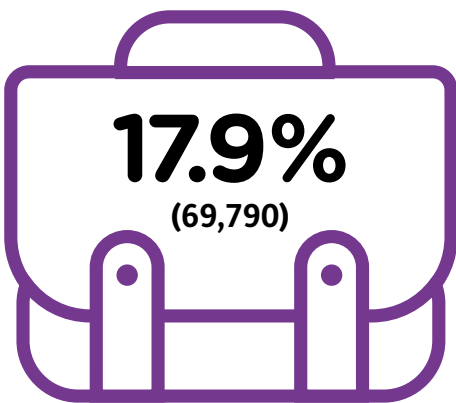
school pupils are identified as requiring SEN support

(11.7% London, 12.6% England) 2022 Data



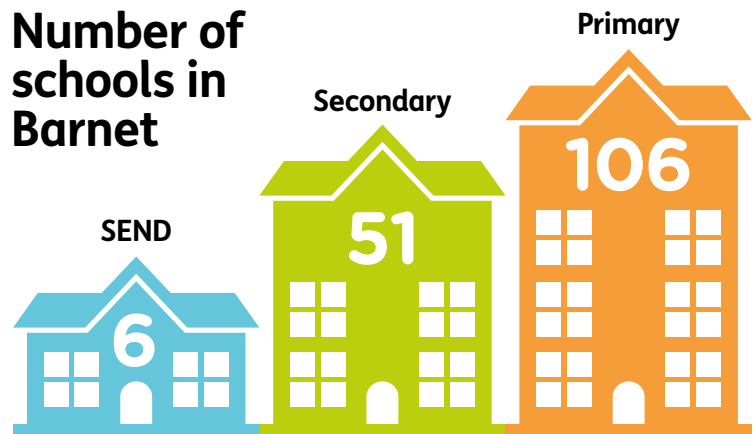
17.95%

of Children attending Barnet schools are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals (Jan 2023 data) a total of 12,529



of 4 to 16 children attend schools in Barnet

Number of schools in Barnet



SEN pupils entitled to FSM

EHCP

886

SEN Support

2082



Background

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme was established in 2018 and expanded during the Covid-pandemic to reach greater numbers of children living in families in need of physical and creative activities and nutritious meals during the school holidays.

Marcus Rashford (OBE) and the Food Foundation championed the programme so that families living on reduced incomes with increased food and childcare costs could have access to information, support and enriching activities throughout the school holidays, in particular children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

In 2021 Barnet Family Services, in partnership with Young Barnet Foundation, launched Barnet Active. Creative. Engaging (BACE) Holidays with the Department for Education funding which is available until Winter 2024.

We have strived to ensure activities are delivered by local providers which are commissioned by the BACE Team who oversee quality and standards of both the activities and food provision, ensuring safe and inclusive activities with nutritional meals. Our BACE Team received a Highly Commended award for 'Outstanding work and contributions to serving our communities' in the Team Barnet Staff Awards in 2023, a testament to the work they do with the support of our partners.

The BACE Programme is embedded alongside delivery of our schools, libraries, voluntary and community and public health services, Child & Family Early Help and support and services for

children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Working in a climate of rising costs and occasionally challenging weather, the BACE team has continually ensured delivery of engaging and fun holiday activities, they have supported providers to achieve up to levels 1, 2 and 3 of the food hygiene training and supplementary food and nutrition training and supported Ofsted registration to ensure children living in low-income households can access the support they need.

As Director of Children's Services, I am proud of the progress made and remain dedicated to the ongoing success and growth of this important initiative. In 2024, we will continue to strengthen our local partnerships, ensuring children who most need to access the BACE Programme are enabled to participate. We want all of our children to enjoy their school holidays without the worry of cost and food, to spend their time learning new skills and building their resilience.

By aligning with Barnet's broader strategic goals for children's services, putting caring for people, places, and planet at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to delivering high quality services for all children and young people and to tackle inequality by providing targeted and specialist services for our most vulnerable children and young people. BACE Holidays exemplifies our mission to create a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can thrive.

Chris Munday
Barnet Executive Director of Children and Families.



How we delivered in 2023

Total Number of Activity Providers



Ofsted Registered Providers



How many activities



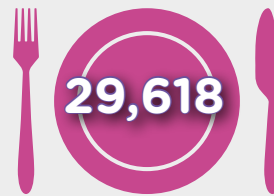
How many SEND specific activities



HAF place on offer



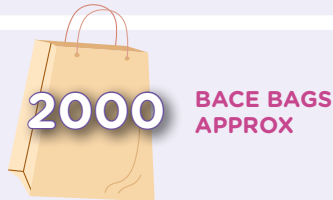
Number of Hot meals provided



Food Hampers and Snack Bags



Activity Bags (funded by Public Health Barnet)



Food Offer

2023 we aimed to remove the central food offer and support the providers to organise their own food arrangements. All providers now either prepare and cook healthy meals in house or have partnered with a local food provider.

For 2024 BACE we aim to develop a series of workshops which includes training, talks, demonstrations and resources to enhance each providers food offer

Wonde:

Barnet Council commission Wonde to provide a 16-digit Holiday Activity e-voucher to schools. The parents and carers of children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals are emailed the voucher and the school send follow-up reminders once they have been issued. We also take referrals from professionals who have been asked to highlight children who are vulnerable to us. We then manually issue codes to them.

Challenge about school engagement of the wondes.

2023 was the introduction of using the WONDE platform to issue vouchers via the schools to eligible benefit-related Free School Meal children in the borough. There was a challenge to get schools on board, due to school capacity and understanding of the vouchers. We worked continuously throughout the year to improve their understanding and we now have almost all schools issuing vouchers each holiday.

Issued Vouchers:



Steering Group Table

Department or Organisation	Role
Finance, Children & Families, Barnet Council	Finance Manager
Children's Services, Family Service Barnet	Early Years/Primary Service Manager
Community Partnerships Officer	Growth and Corporate Services
Programmes & Traded Services, Early Help	HAF Coordinator
Green Spaces	Events and Marketing Manager – Parks and Leisure
Early Help, Child & Family Services	Assistant Head of Service
School Access, Skills & Corp Services - Business Support & Comms	Director - School Access, Skills & Corporate Services
Consultant	Adults & Health - Public Health & Prevention
Strategy & Communications, Barnet Council	Senior Communication and Campaigns Manager
Barnet Home	Digital Inclusion Coordinator
Strategy and Resources, Barnet Council	Strategy and Resources
Young Barnet Foundation	CEO
Commissioning, Children's Services	Senior Commissioning
Programmes & Traded Services, Early Help	Team Manager BACE and Positive Activities
Libraries, Children's Services	Service Development Manger Stock & Services
BELS - School Improvement & Traded Services, Learning Network	Chief Executive and Director of Education and Learning
Young Barnet Foundation	Member Development Officer – HAF Coordinator
Public Health & Prevention Barnet	Health Improvement Officer
Young Barnet Foundation	Head of Community Services
SEN Team	Head of SEN
Early Help, Child & Family Services	Head of Service
Young Barnet Foundation	Chief Operating Officer
BELS - School Improvement & Traded Services, Learning Network	Head Teacher, The Virtual School
Public Health & Prevention Barnet	Health Improvement Officer



BACE Champions

In 2023 BACE Champions was created to help raise awareness of the HAF programme across the borough by providing training to practitioners and staff amongst a variety of council service areas. BACE Champion workshops were held across the year so professionals could best support, signpost and engage families most in need on how to; access, register and enrol on the website and answer any questions families may have relating to eligibility of the BACE project.

A role of a BACE Champion would be to:

Continue to support our vulnerable families including those from the refugee hotels to access the programme and integrate into the local communities.

To continue to signpost parents with regards to employment, benefit support, mental health, and wellbeing services.

To highlight areas for improvement and additional funding. To ensure a sustainable future for the project beyond HAF funding, through sponsorship, donations and partnership working.



To champion the project, using their voice and profile to promote BACE Holidays.

Visiting BACE Activities and camps, packing activities bags and distribution of resources such as marketing materials, food parcels and more, this added value to all that we do in our work with the children, young people, and their families.



SEND Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

At BACE Holidays, we are committed to ensuring that every child, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can participate, feel included, and thrive in our program.

Here's how we support SEND children:

● Tailored Activities:

We offer a diverse range of activities that are adapted to accommodate children with various needs and abilities. These activities include horse experience days for children with Autism, adapted sports, inflatable days, cooking, and more. We worked with 6 mainstream activity providers to deliver tailored activities for SEND children and young people.

● Inclusive Environment:

Our providers are encouraged and supported to design their activities to be inclusive, promoting participation and engagement for all children. We provide training and SEND 1:1 support workers via Teach Now Limited to ensure that every child can join in and enjoy the fun in our mainstream activities.

● Specialist Activities:

We worked with 8 SEND specialist providers to ensure we have provisions exclusively for SEND children in the borough who may not manage a mainstream setting; these organisations were:

- Oakleigh
- Northway School
- Barnet Mencap
- Community Focus
- Norwood
- Resources for Autism
- Comfortzone
- Noah's Ark



Encouraging Inclusion

We promote peer interaction and socialisation among all children, fostering friendships and understanding among children of different abilities.



Highlights of our SEND offer:

A popular provision - Strength and Learning Through Horses (S<H). SEND children take part in activities which involve learning about horse psychology and horse care. The provision can be paid for by parents directly however, this is a costly programme and therefore, the young people who access the programme through BACE are unlikely to ever have these opportunities if they had to fund this programme themselves.

Young person said:

"It has really helped me and has improved my mental health and it's made me feel much better about myself. The horses have really been the only way that has helped me. And I would love others to get help like me. This program hasn't changed me, but it has helped me realise that there is more to life than what there is now. This has really helped, and I hope more people can go on it as well".

Feedback from parent: "My daughter hasn't stopped talking about her experience here, she is not normally chatty but when I picked her up, she spoke the whole way home and also throughout the whole of dinner about the horses, it is so nice to see her engaged and happier than she's been for a long time."

Molly Parrish, Trainee Clinical Psychologist, from S<H stated "It was a pleasure to work with this young person, they were very thoughtful and respectful of the horses and showed a lot of skills and strengths in a short space of time."

At BACE Holidays, we believe that every child deserves a positive and enriching holiday experience. By providing inclusive activities, personalised support, and a supportive environment, we aim to ensure that children with SEND can participate fully and enjoy their time with us.



Strength & Learning Through Horses offers therapy services and alternative education / skills training programmes.

All our services utilise horses to engage young people and adults in building skills and confidence to make positive changes in their lives. Skills learnt on programmes include self-reflection, communication, teamwork, time management and leadership skills.

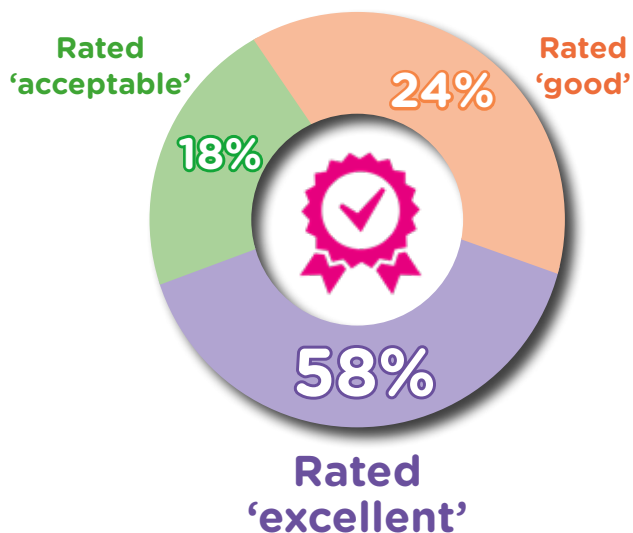


Quality of Provision

Barnet has a strong monitoring framework to ensure HAF provision is of a high quality. In order to maintain a high standard of provision, the following tools are used: quality assurance visits, case studies and feedback from children and young people.

The framework provided by the Department for Education (DfE) contains 11 sections, each focusing on a HAF standard as defined by the DfE: food provision, nutritional education, food education for parents or carers, signposting and referrals, enriching activities, physical activities, policies and procedures, and safeguarding. The framework grid also contains five levels of provider performance, ranging from Very Poor* to Excellent.

Combined ratings across all HAF Standards, Barnet providers are rated over 2023 as:



*There were no BACE providers which scored very poor

**2 sections below were not used for all three projects due to DfE reporting requirements.

Partnership working

The success of the BACE Holidays project is deeply rooted in the strength and diversity of its partnerships. Our collaborative framework is designed to leverage the unique strengths and resources of local schools, charities, community organisations, businesses, and volunteers. By fostering a spirit of cooperation and shared purpose, we have been able to deliver a well-rounded and impactful program that meets the needs of children and families in Barnet and the requirements of HAF. Here are a few of the examples of how partnership working has been successful within BACE Holidays 2023:

Public Health Activity Bags

With the support of colleagues in Public Health Barnet, 2000 BACE activity bags inspired by the aims of the HAF programme were created and distributed. There were items to engage exercise, creativity, and healthy eating conversations in the home. These were collected from our children's centres and our libraries across the borough. Many of these went to children observing religious festivals and those with SEND needs.



Partnerships with the Food Hubs and Food Charities

We worked with the food hubs in conjunction with Bread n Butter CIC, accessing food items and packaging them for children and families who were fasting during the Spring Holidays. We also worked with an organisation focused on food sustainability to access healthy snacks (Give.Help.Share). This included making links with the community food hubs and ensuring HAF providers and families know where their local food hubs are.



Barnet Libraries have enthusiastically supported the HAF programme in many ways. From supporting the collection and distribution of BACE activity bags and family food parcels to outreach, which included sessions where the mobile library service attended the schemes to promote what the library offers; supporting families to sign up, enrol in workshops and hosting local providers with trips to the library. During Summer BACE 2023, the libraries worked to engage harder to reach children to access the National Summer Reading challenge, where each BACE child under 11 years old was given a reading challenge pack and awards. In turn this was used to encourage HAF families to use their local library, accessing free books, IT equipment and internet, as well as courses and events via Positive Activities.

Young Barnet Foundation

(YBF) our partner organisation which works strategically to bring charities and organisations together to support and build capacity in the children and young people's voluntary sector across the borough of Barnet. Their vision is for young people to grow up healthy, safe, and happy, with the best opportunities to secure brighter futures. YBF has brought variety, new skills and expertise to the children and young people.





BETTER GYMS

We have worked closely with the GLL team at the BETTER gyms across the borough offering Swimming sessions, teen fitness activities and use of their facilities.

Elite professionals and Organisations

The project has developed strong ties with professionals and elite organisations to provide the best offer that appeals to children and young people. From Chickenshed Theatre who received the Britain’s Got Talent golden buzzer in 2023 delivering workshops and show tickets, to the Royal Air Force Museum offering trips.



Wuma Sports

Wuma Sports deliver basketball camps for children during BACE holidays. The coaches that deliver sessions are also semi pro-basketball players for the Barnet Bulldogs. This is a wonderful and aspiring opportunity for the young people attending.



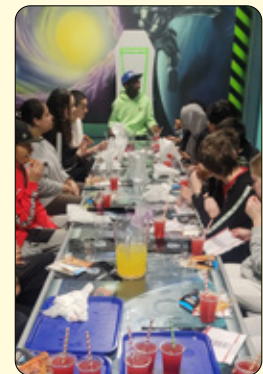
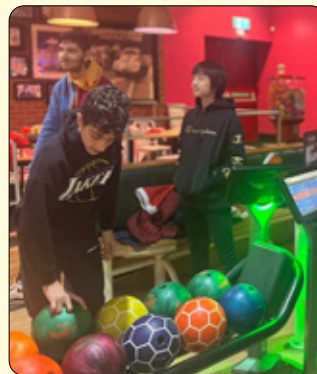
BMX biking

has been a great hit. The Whyte Bros deliver BMX in the parks and sports halls across the borough, whereby children are given the opportunity to access BMX bikes to learn new skills and tricks with professionals. Members of the Whyte Bros team have competed in the Olympics for Great Britain and will be once again in Paris 2024.



Cinema & Bowling -

We managed to negotiate with the local bowling alley to agree the school A* package for our teens to be able to bowl and access a hot meal. This package is not normally offered outside of the school term, and we partnered with them to offer the package discount, receiving great value for money.



Royal Air Force Museum (RAF) -

For the past few years, we have been working in partnership with the RAF Museum with a guided tour of the museum and fun workshops. This year we expanded with the family SEND specific sessions.



Revel Puck Circus

worked in partnership with BACE Holidays to offer the Big Top Tent in a park for two days over Winter BACE 2023. With several shows and activities, from Sublime Science shows and workshops to a Princess Show and Meet and Greet, as well as free circus tickets for BACE families to enjoy.

Signposting

Aligning with the core aims of the HAF programme, we work with partners to support families to access services available to them across the borough. This included support with support services incorporating Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS). We also seek out opportunities for consultation with our young people and families relating to other services such as support with mental health research and consultation for the Black History Month events.



BRING A FRIEND

Key Challenge: Engaging Teenagers

To increase the number of Teenagers attending BACE activities we gathered feedback from the young people directly, who asked for trips for just teens and opportunities to bring a friend. This has been a success which we will look to build upon in 2024.



Volunteering Barnet

Volunteering Barnet has worked closely with the project in supporting our activity providers to take on volunteers. This has offered local residents the opportunity to work with young people in the community and gain new skills and experience.

The collaborative efforts of our partners have achieved remarkable results increasing reach in areas that have been more challenging to engage. The diverse expertise and resources from partners have enriched the quality and variety of activities offered, making the program more engaging and impactful for children and young people. This has resulted in stronger community bonds, by working together towards a common goal, the partnerships have strengthened community ties and enhanced the project's offer.



Up-skilling providers and sustainability

BACE Holidays continues to invest in upskilling providers through training and information sessions, ensuring they have the necessary skills to support children effectively. In turn, raising the quality of the provisions on offer and providing a more consistent offer across the different programmes.

Face-to-Face Workshops:



BACE Holidays offers regular training sessions and workshops for staff, volunteers, and partner organisations. Topics include child safeguarding, behaviour management, inclusive practices, and Food & Hygiene all accessible on the Barnet online training platform (POD).

Online:



As a council we offer a multi-agency online training offer enabling our partners access to health and safety, food and hygiene levels 1 – 3, and much more.

Specialist Training:



Specialised training sessions are provided for staff and volunteers working with children with special education needs, such as SEND training, challenging behaviour, and First Aid.

The BACE Coordinator has also supported providers to grow their provision and applying to become:

- Ofsted registered
- a registered food business
- working towards a sustainable future, transition to offering paid spaces, extended and paid hours
- ideas and discussions on how they can make their offer of activities be more enriching and inclusive
- strengthening relationships with local schools, with many of the providers now offering wrap around care in local schools.



By providing these opportunities, BACE Holidays not only ensures that providers are well-equipped to deliver high-quality and inclusive services, but also makes a positive impact on the children and families we serve. It will support the future success and sustainability of the project in several ways. Firstly, skilled providers are better equipped to deliver high-quality services that meet the diverse needs of children and families, enhancing the overall effectiveness of the program. Secondly, ongoing training and development empower providers to adapt to evolving challenges and best practices, ensuring continuous improvement. Thirdly, a skilled workforce increases the project's capacity to attract and retain volunteers and staff, ensuring consistency and reliability in service delivery. Ultimately, by investing in providers' skills and expertise, BACE Holidays strengthens its foundation, positioning the project for long-term impact and sustainability in supporting the well-being of children and families in Barnet.

Feedback and Case Studies

Throughout BACE Holidays we monitor the progress and impact of the programme through case studies and feedback. Below gives an insight into the experiences and the voices of the children and young people and all who have contributed or benefited from the project.

Male, 15 achieves top 3 in the England Boxing Championships



Cricklewood Amateur Boxing Club is a grassroots activity provider for BACE Holidays who aims to help children with limited economic resources participate in sporting activities and to support young people's physical and mental health. They supported the journey of a young person who turned his life around because of accessing the boxing club initially through the BACE programme. This young person created and developed a healthy and balanced lifestyle through training, hard work and dedication, resulting them becoming top 3 in the England Boxing Championships.

A quote from this young person about their experience "I am very grateful to Rob (Cricklewood Boxing) for helping me improve my health and gain the discipline to understand that this is the only way to achieve my goals. I feel stronger to achieve my goals, I want to compete at an international level".

Parent reflecting on their journey during their time at camp "I am very grateful to Rob because he has helped me so that my son has more motivation to study, play sports and is a more obedient boy at home. In addition, he always has a lot of enthusiasm to compete in Boxing. He likes to help me cook healthy meals at home".

Rob Buick (Coach) said "I am very happy and proud to help this young man improve his life and achieve his goals of being a boxing champion. All children need to have sports activities, which motivates them to have good health and make new friends".

Participants and Parents:

Families have expressed gratitude for the program, highlighting the positive impact on their children's well-being and development during school holidays. Parents appreciate the nutritious meals, variety of activities, and supportive environment provided by BACE Holidays, but would love for the offer to include extended hours in the future.

Male, 10 attending a Performing Arts Course:

"I have enjoyed making new friends and I have enjoyed seeing different parts of the performance and seeing all my friends' skills. At first, I didn't want to come here because I thought it would be hard, but I feel really proud of myself for coming and letting myself enjoy it and do good in the performance."

Parent: "We had our first week with this camp. My son loved meeting other kids and the variety of activities you offer. We hope to be back in summer. My son rated it 10/10."

Parent: "I could not believe how my daughter was so excited to eat the fresh fruit and vegetables - a real transformation!!"

Male, 5 attending Multi-Activity Camp: "I loved the whole camp. The food was yummy and I had a lot of time to do sports which I loved"

Parent: "They have gained some friends and are already asking for a play date; he may even join a football team now too."

Volunteers: Volunteers have found their experience with BACE Holidays rewarding, citing the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the community.

Schools and Community Partners: Partner organisations and schools have praised BACE Holidays for its inclusive approach. They value the collaborative relationship with the project team and the opportunities it provides for children in the community.

We have found BACE invaluable in offering support to our families - to find activities for children who may be living in hotels or other challenging housing situations and experiencing financial difficulties. Knowing that their children have a wonderful activity and a good lunch at camp is a gift to concerned parents and we thank the BACE team for their help in directing us to all of their resources - add this to the front of the paragraph and make it bold - like all the others to make them consistent.

Local Businesses and Organisations: Businesses supporting BACE Holidays have seen the tangible benefits of their involvement, including positive community engagement, brand visibility, and the satisfaction of contributing to a worthy cause.



GROW-ing more than just food

As a programme we understand each child is unique and therefore we ensure we offer a diverse programme – aiming to be as inclusive as possible.

We try to offer programmes which offer variety. One of these programmes is GROW, whose activities include: food growing, cooking, nature arts and crafts, den making, games and farming activities. As a programme they expect the young people to prepare approximately 80% of the lunch each day and are expected to present a menu which details the meals they have prepared.

Grow detail the experiences of a young person who is described as school avoidant and their experience of accessing GROW through BACE. ***“It was a total delight to have them on the GROW Holiday Club programme. It was a joy to see their confidence flourish and to see how much this meant to their Mum. We look forward to welcoming our young person back to GROW as part of our after-school club and supporting their transition back to school.”***

The young person themselves said ***“I loved attending the GROW club, I made a new best friend, and the farm makes me very happy, I can’t wait to come back again.”***

The parent reflecting on their child’s experience stated ***“I only heard about this sort of program recently after the Barnet autism team let me know about it after a recent diagnosis. My child has not been going to school, so to have them come to a group-based activity as they have severe social anxiety has been pretty amazing. To come here and be here every day, all day, and make friends and just be outside in all weathers because they’ve had rain and sun and engage fully in every single activity. It’s just been amazing, and they are so happy. When they got home, they just gush about it. They tell me what they’ve been doing and all the fun stuff they have done with their new friends. They don’t really have friends. I think that’s been awesome”.***



Overall, the feedback underscores the importance and success meeting the needs of the community during school holidays. It highlights the program’s positive impact, collaborative spirit, and commitment to the well-being of children and families in Barnet.

Communication

BACE Holidays communicates with families through various channels to ensure they are informed and engaged



We use the www.barnetyouth.uk web site to promote and market the programme. We have created accessible YouTube videos, and use printed materials including booklets, posters, and bus stop signs to further advertise the offer. Partners including schools, and the wider organisation, support marketing the programme via their social media channels and the council web site.

- Leaflets and posters distributed to schools and libraries, Early Help hubs and Children’s Centres – with digital adverts in bus-stops across the borough

Email / Newsletter Updates: Regular emails are sent to families via our Youth First Newsletter, with important program information, schedules, and updates on upcoming activities.

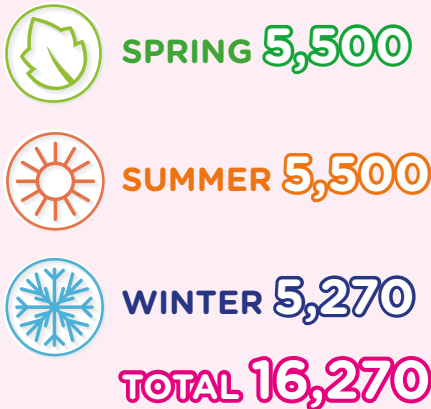
- We have over 6600 subscribers for the Youth First Newsletter
- 40,646 subscribers with an opening rate of 51.1% reached via the Barnet First e-newsletter (Per issue)



Brochures: Each project, a BACE Booklet is designed and released digitally and printed and sent to schools, libraries, children’s centres, and hubs. This booklet contains details about activities, signposting support, services, healthy eating, money saving tips and so much more. 16,270 booklets were printed and distributed across the borough.

Barnet Youth - Child and Family Early Help Service - BACE Holidays

Activity Booklets printed and distributed to engage, inspire and inform families of the offer available. 250,000 residents reached via campaigns in the Barnet First Magazine

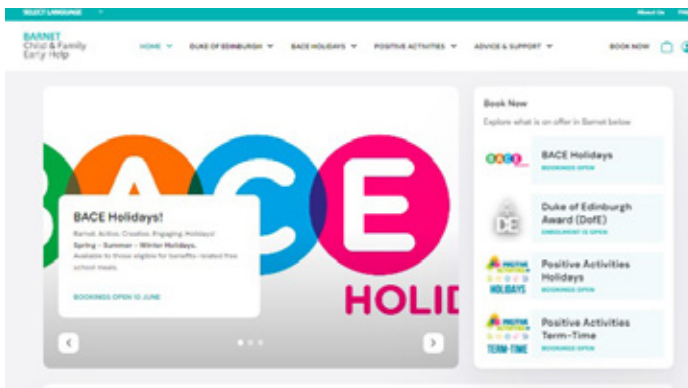
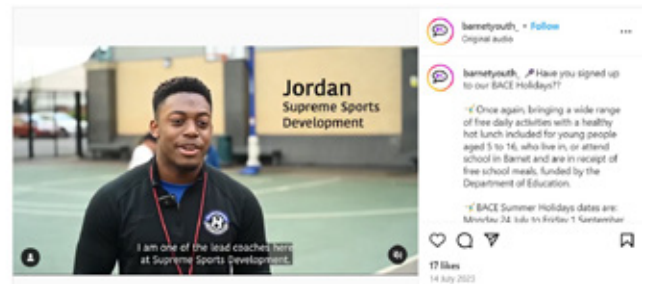
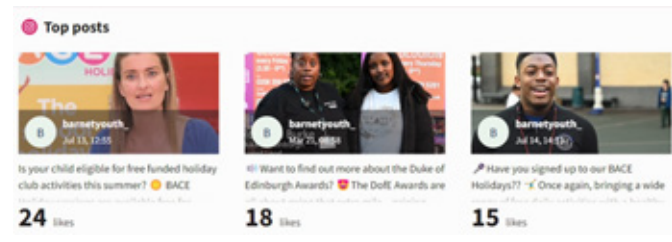




Social Media: BACE Holidays maintains active social media via @barnetyouth_, @barnetcouncil and @youngbarnetfoundation profiles where families can find updates, photos, and event reminders.

- 31,466 likes, comments or clicks on 68 social media posts with an engagement rate of 3.38%
- 4282 – reel/video plays across all social media channels

Best performing post – was the BACE GIF – was a Boosted post with a reach of 14K.
TOP POST LIKES 222 COMMENTS 15 REACH 6216



Website: Parents and Carers can book activities via the www.barnetyouth.uk website. This website provides a central hub for information, including program details, FAQs, and contact information and a provider portal where providers can access registers and details of young people and communicate with parents and carers.

Feedback Forms and Focus Groups: Families are encouraged to provide feedback through online forms or paper surveys, allowing them to share their experiences and suggestions for improvement. We hold focus groups and encourage providers to do this in their time with children and young people to develop the project.

By utilising these communication channels, BACE Holidays ensures that families are kept informed, involved, and supported throughout their participation in the program.

2023 was the year that we piloted Sign Up Surgeries across the borough. These were for families who may struggle with accessing the website and enrolling, for example; no Internet access, devices, ESL, Hotel Families etc. From these Sign Surgeries we have trained more professionals across borough in Hubs, Libraries, children centres and Community Centres. This is something we will be working on in 2024 to continue and develop.

Budget and expenditure

The London Borough of Barnet received grant funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to deliver the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) in the borough of Barnet.

This grant funding is calculated based on the numbers of children eligible for and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in the borough of Barnet. The funding is provided to cover:

- provision of free holiday places meeting the framework of standards,
- coordination of the programme locally.

The DfE recognises that there are administrative costs associated with setting up and running the HAF programme. Local authorities are able to use up to 10 per cent of their total allocation to cover such costs. In addition, funding can also be used to purchase equipment for the programme. The amount available to spend on equipment is limited to a maximum of two per cent of the overall programme expenditure.



The London Borough of Barnet was awarded a Department for Education grant of £1,196,600 for the 2023 to 2024 financial year, in addition Public Health Barnet funded £5694.00 towards activity packs.

2023 Department for Education grant £1,196,600

Total spent	£
Face-to-face holiday club provision	£1,025,928.00
Remote Holiday Club Provision	£0.00
Publicising the scheme to eligible families and other communications	£40,472.00
Capital expenditure (e.g. catering or sports equipment for clubs)	£0.00
Management and administration of the programme by the Local Authority	£119,600.00
Other costs (e.g. translations, transport, provider staff training, booking systems etc)	£10,000.00



Plans for 2024:

Increase Partnerships

We aim to strengthen community links with a wide variety of Barnet organisations, networking groups and businesses in 2024. This could include housing associations, colleges and universities, and the private sector.

Increasing Trips and Event offer

Working with providers to host trips and work in collaboration on event days such as the family park days.

Communications & marketing

Development of a marketing strategy to incorporate as many funded services/activities under BarnetYouth to ensure the offer is clearly communicated to families in the borough. Ideas to support this will include developing the look and feel of a magazine inspired by the BACE Booklet in 2023.

Supermarkets

We want to aim to work with Supermarkets to gain more support for the delivery of the BACE Holidays programme; to either donate money, food or activity resources or to help raise the profile.





We are grateful to our participants, volunteers, partners, and supporters for their invaluable contributions. As we move forward, we remain committed to creating inclusive and enriching experiences for all, and we look forward to continuing our mission of supporting children and families in the years to come. We would like to say a special thank you and highlight the providers who have delivered BACE Holidays throughout 2023.

- Active London
- African Cultural Association
- Amplified Arts Academy
- Arts Depot
- Axis Educational Trust
- Ball Out Community
- Barnet Community Project
- Barnet Mencap
- Barnet Educational Arts Trust (BEAT)
- Bread n Butter CIC
- Camden Bouncy Castles
- Chaverim Youth Organisation
- Chickenshed Theatre
- Claremont Primary School
- Comfortzone
- Community Focus
- Complete Sports
- Cricklewood ABC
- Elite Leisure
- ETC Youth
- Fixation Academy Performing Arts
- Flip Out
- Foundation Sports
- Give.Help.Share
- Greentop Children Centre
- GROW
- Give. Youth. A. Break
- Holistic Education & Sport
- Hollywood Bowl
- Laser Quest
- LIFT CIC
- Lingotots Barnet
- Lingotots Muswell Hill (Let's Speak)
- Living Way Ministries
- London Footgolf Centre
- London Magic School
- Mindcatcher SportsTech
- North London Community Consortium
- Noah's Ark
- Non Stop Action
- Northern Land Trust
- Northway School
- Norwood
- Oakleigh School
- Planet Youth Camp
- Pro Touch SA CIC
- Programmes & Traded Services (Inhouse Team)
- Royal Air Force Museum
- Resources for Autism
- Saracens Foundation
- Somali Bravanese Welfare Association (SBWA)
- Stonegrove Community Trust
- Stonegrove Estates Youth Project (SEYP)
- Strength and Learning Through Horses
- Smart Play
- SOTO Inspires CIC
- Sport4Kids
- Sublime Science
- Superstar Sport
- Supreme Sports Development
- Teach Now
- The Whyte Bros
- The Hope of Childs Hill (THOCH)
- Tiferes High School
- Tony Russell Music
- Torah Vodaas
- Tzivos Hashem
- Unitas
- Work Works Training Solutions Limited
- Wuma Sports Ltd Basketball