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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to inform you about some important information as term draws to a close and the summer holiday period for most begins.

In this letter you will find information about:

- The 'Schools Out!' activity programme
- Government Guidance and how this impacts Schools

'Schools Out!' activity programme

During the coming weeks there are lots of opportunities to get involved with things to do for you and your families. These may include play activities, enjoying yourselves in one of our parks or museums or engaging in activities that may be organised as part of our 'Schools Out!' activity programme. For details regarding available activities please visit www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolsout

What is it?

The Department for Education has funded a programme of summer clubs and activities for children and young people in Kirklees – Holiday Activities and Food.

- Sessions will be available across Kirklees
- Sessions run for a maximum of 4 hours
- Free food will be available at every session
- Sessions for under 8s will be hosted in Ofsted registered provisions

Who is it for?

- Sessions are available for 4 to 16 year old's
- Children and young people who receive benefits related free school meals
- There may be additional spaces available to children who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals – this is dependent upon demand and take up of places by children eligible for free school meals

My child has additional needs. How can I find out if a session is suitable for them?
'School's Out!' sessions are taking place in a variety of settings and facilities, staffing numbers and expertise will be varied.

You can register via the 'School's Out!' web app at www.schoolsout.app. Once registered, you will be provided with the details of available sessions in your local area.

We advise parents and carers to make contact with the providers using the details on the app and have a conversation about your child's needs to make sure the session is a good fit.

The provider may be able to make some adjustments to the planned sessions to accommodate needs but this should be planned in advance to ensure the best possible experience for your child.

For any further information regarding the offer please contact either –

Booking or registration support – hello@kirkleesyouthalliance.org

General information regarding activities available – HAF@kirklees.gov.uk

Government Guidance and how this impacts Schools

Most schools haven't finished term just yet though, and even though Monday 19th July is the next stage in the Government's Road Map we would like to ask for your continued support to ensure the best end of term possible.

We are all aware of the huge impact that COVID-19 restrictions have had on our children and young people across Kirklees this academic year, and that the pandemic is still seeing a number of people testing positive in our communities, and that this is impacting across our schools.

Therefore, as a local authority, and in line with government guidance to Headteachers we are supportive of our schools to continue with existing measures until the end of our summer term.

As parents and carers, you have shown support and kindness to each other, as well as to the staff at your child's school/setting and we are asking that you continue this until the end of the school year.

Thank you - we acknowledge the huge part that you have all played in helping to keep schools and community safe.

We wish you all a great summer! Please take good care of yourselves, and we look forward to what we hope will be a more recognisable school year from September.

Yours sincerely

Mel Meggs, Director of Children's Services