

How can we help you?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

Who is the programme for?

These clubs are suitable for children aged 4-16 years old who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and from low income working families who benefit from this extra support. Some clubs may offer paid spaces that run alongside Essex ActivAte.

What do the clubs offer?

Essex ActivAte clubs offer mainstream primary and secondary clubs across the county, also supported Mental Wellbeing Hubs and dedicated SEND Hubs. Each club delivers a variety of physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Family support is also available alongside the programme.

How can I book my child onto a club?

To book onto a club, head over to our booking page on our website. From there, select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.


What is considered 'low income'?


We understand that all families circumstances can be different, therefore if you are in employment or on an income which means you are unable to attend a holiday club without our support – you can book on.




Half-Term & Holidays explained...


Easter, Summer & Winter School Holidays

 The programme runs in the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays and is funded by The Department for Education. This is aimed solely at school children who would usually receive benefits based free school meals during term time.

 Limited spaces are available for low income working families and other vulnerable groups who would otherwise not be able to afford holiday clubs. You can book onto our programme self-certifying.

 eVoucher codes are sent by schools to all families eligible for benefits based free school meals. This code allows you to book onto your local clubs and verify you are eligible for our programme.

Spring & Autumn Half Term

 Essex County Council agreed that during the half term, funding could be allocated to run the programme for both those eligible for benefits based free school meals and 'low income' working families.

 Essex County Council fund the programme with additional funding from Basildon Borough Council to further support across Basildon.

 The half term programme is funded to provide spaces to those areas most in need.

 We will not require an eVoucher code to book onto our clubs during half terms.



Scan the QR code to find out more!

