

# Education Services

## Framework for Recovery, Resilience and Re-connection (RRR2020)

### Provision for supporting children through the summer

16 June 2020

#### Holiday Food Programme

In February 2020, the City Administration Committee confirmed the allocations for funding for Glasgow Children's Holiday Food Programme in 2020/21.

A total of 70 projects were agreed from third sector organisations to the value of £2,347,297. The projects were to take place in one or more of the schools' Spring break, summer holidays and October break.

#### Summer holidays

A total of 69 projects are planned for the summer holidays. The organisations have revised their plans in light of the current pandemic. At the time of writing, 66 of the 69 organisations have confirmed their plans with officers from Community Planning. The summary below shows the range of activities.

- 41 will provide food parcels to families
- 25 will provide prepared meals
- 33 will provide packed lunches to children
- 22 will provide food vouchers
- 48 will provide activity packs for children

Some also have plans for on-line activities, such as bake-together sessions, craft activities. Some have plans for direct engagement and activity taking into account the current advice on physical distancing. Outdoor activity features in a number of the plans.

The 68 organisations have been selected to provide a comprehensive spread across the city with a strong focus on areas of deprivation.

In addition to these activities, Education Services is planning to provide childcare for keyworkers in schools across the city. Parents have had to apply for this childcare through an on-line form.

The childcare is to be provided by out of school care providers. Education Services will commission places to meet the Scottish Government's instruction that local authorities must provide childcare for keyworkers' children through the emergency period.

There may be some overlap with the organisations above.

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### Free school meals

On 16 June, the Scottish Government announced additional funding to support the provision of free school meals throughout the summer. The footwear and clothing grant payments for 2020/21 will be made in July. Rather than continue the pre-paid cards for Farmfoods, a more flexible approach is to add an additional payment onto the footwear and clothing grant to support families. This cash payment by bank transfer or cheque will offer parents more flexibility. Families will receive £110 for footwear and clothing and an additional £80 as a replacement for free school meals.

### Other children with needs

During the lockdown period, Education Services worked closely with Social Work Services to meet the needs of some families experiencing challenges and provide support through family workers and/or access to places in schools and nurseries. Overall, this approach worked well, although the numbers getting places in schools and nurseries were relatively low, mainly due to availability of staff and some families' reticence to send their child during the lockdown period.

Schools and nurseries know their children and their families and provided support to families experiencing difficulties in a range of ways through the lockdown period. For example, through very good partnership working with third sector colleagues to deliver food parcels, phone calls to chat about how they were, providing them with access to places to play – this was especially helpful to families who had no access to gardens.

Some schools will be planning summer programmes with a focus on learning. An example is provided below:

Two days a week for the first two weeks in July. Three days a week in the second two weeks.

Day 1: Two Teaching Staff and at least 6 Team PEEK Staff will deliver two sessions 10am-12noon (soft start from 9:30 to allow children to come at different times – breakfast provided); 1pm-3pm. Children will be split in to small bubbles, in family groups.

12noon -1pm – Lunch – two sittings the morning children who will leave and 12:30 through the side gate, as the afternoon group arrive for their lunch and afternoon session.

Day 2: As above but with Three Teaching Staff

Every family will be given the ingredients to make dinner at night and this will be linked to a story or activity the children experienced during the day. Families will also be given activity packs which will have all they need arts and crafts or games.

As of the 6<sup>th</sup> July, Amazon will be delivering breakfasts to all of our families (cereals, fruit juice, bagels). We will extend deliveries of fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs and bread to families; families who have been getting additional cupboard food, wellbeing goods and fresh meat will continue to receive this support. We will continue to send activities/resources to support family learning. We will continue to send sensory activities/resources home to our pupils with ASL.

The costs of this are being met through a donation from Morgan Stanley and Pupil Equity Funding. Education Services will meet the costs for the additional cleaning and facilities management.

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The team at Glasgow's Improvement Challenge have supported a target group of children by providing and distributing additional home learning packs to 'Keep Children Reading, Talking and Counting'. These have been distributed to 900+ primary age children with the facility for schools to reproduce for a further 300 children. The project also extends to pre five sector with to 663 children receiving materials. This bespoke activity will continue during August to October 2020 and the format for this support, will be reviewed to reflect the recovery programme as it evolves. During the summer holidays there is a planned distribution of books and reading materials to those target group children in primary schools to enable them to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge.

These activities are being achieved in partnership with the GIC team, Glasgow Life, the Attainment Scotland Fund, donations from Harper Collins, a private benefactor, the Scottish Book Trust and a donation from the Farmoods group.

Glasgow Life will be distributing the stock of baby, toddler and explorer book bug packs to pre- five children across the city, with the support of our nursery establishments during the summer break.

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