



Dear Parent / Carer

GET INTO SUMMER 2022

Scottish Borders Council have received funding from the Scottish Government for activities, childcare and food for children (5 - 14 years) from low-income families during the summer holidays. The targeted funding is for **children of low income families who:**

- **Have a lone parent**
- **Have two or more siblings (3+ children)**
- **Are disabled or have a disabled sibling or parent**
- **Are from a minority ethnic background**
- **Have a young sibling under 1 years old**
- **Have young parents (under 25yrs)**

There are lots of activities on offer this summer across Scottish Borders and details can be found on the SBC website <https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/GetIntoSummer>

To gain a place or free entry (where a charge applies) will require either a discount code or for a referral from a professional. If you would like your child to participate in the summer programme, and you meet the criteria above, please contact your school to receive your discount code or to be referred. As places are limited we encourage you to contact your school as soon as possible to avoid disappointment and ask that discount codes are **not shared with others**.

We recognise that for some families the school holidays can bring added financial pressures. A packed lunch is provided for many of the Get into Summer activities and childcare provisions. All families who are eligible through their income and are registered for a Free School Meal, will be entitled to £2.50 per child per day to help with meals. This additional benefit will be paid directly into the family's bank accounts throughout the summer. This is not part of the universal Free School Meal offer during term time, only families registered for Free School Meals will receive the additional funding.

If you're worried about your finances more generally including benefits, council tax or council rent, or food costs this summer, we have lots of support available. [Financial help in the early years Sep-2021 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Wishing you and your family a great summer when it comes.

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