

Activities for 5 – 11 year olds during the summer holidays

A mixture of engaging physical activity and sports with some crafts. Lunch was provided if required. (children eligible for free school meals received all this for free)



6,526 places filled from 30 different schools



Children at the six venues:

1,342 North Oxfordshire Academy

1,247 Spiceball Leisure Centre

783 Warriner School

1,211 Bicester Leisure Centre

933 Cooper School

1,010 Kidlington Leisure Centre



5,092 children received free activities and 6,136 free meals



Free activities received:

1,099 North Oxfordshire Academy

1,144 Spiceball Leisure Centre

480 Warriner School

831 Bicester Leisure Centre

694 Cooper School

844 Kidlington Leisure Centre



160 children attended free top up swimming lessons at Spiceball and Kidlington to help them swim 25 metres. These were lessons they missed due to COVID-19.



45 children attended free weekly cycling sessions in Banbury.



3,102 5-7 year olds



3,424 8-11 year olds



Partners, parents and children have their say:



“ Providing free food and activity over the long summer was unbelievable for us a family. ”

“ They loved the activities and the food, they couldn't wait to go back the next day. ”

“ It's great that the hubs are now at the leisure centres. ”

“ My son and daughter really enjoyed their time at the North Oxfordshire Academy hub. ”

“ The staff are really nice and play fun games. ”

“ I loved going swimming! ”

“ The food was GREAT. ”

“ By targeting our work and working together we can provide new opportunities for young people to be fit and fed. Brilliant work like this shows what can be achieved and points the way forward. ”

Paul Brivio, Active Oxfordshire

“ Being able to access quality summer provision is so important for the families that attend our school. Even more important is the fact that many families were able to access this provision for free. ”

Simon Jackson, headteacher

“ This will have made a huge difference to lives of thousands of young people across Cherwell. ”

Dean Woodham, North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership

“ I had my proudest moment when an older member of the group continued to challenge and support their peers to achieve success after I had delivered my session. It was amazing to see the peer-to-peer learning taking place so naturally. ”

Alistair Patrick Heselton, Paralympian and Youth Sport Trust Athlete Mentor

“ We have been so proud to be working with Cherwell District Council to support those children who have missed out most this year by providing athlete mentors to deliver activities and inspire. ”

Chris Ellis, Youth Sport Trust



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