

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS



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MORE THAN JUST A SPORTS CAMP

Our ultimate mission with providing holiday camps was to improve the physical health and mental wellbeing of children. I now realise it was so much more! We listened to children, parents and teachers and provided a child-centred flexible approach and we have learnt a lot. The most positive impact has been seeing children reconnecting, making friends and finding happiness again, while discovering their passions through sports, arts, dance and healthy living. We aimed to provide on-the-job learning for local young people to gain essential employability skills through their work placements on camp, and to give parents a chance to work.

We are sincerely grateful to Doncaster Council for enabling us to make a difference in extending the opportunities for local children and families. To the schools who opened up their doors for us to provide additional experiences, we thank you.

And finally, to the children who keep us on our toes and teach us something new every day - never change.

Lindsy James



HAPPINESS

Healthy bodies and
minds



PASSIONATE

We care about you



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Helping others
grow

THE HOLIDAY CAMPS

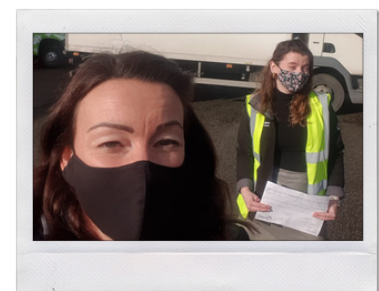
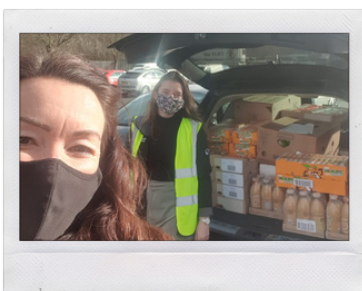


BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

On the back of the success of the Doncaster Summer Staycation project, alongside both the October and Christmas holiday camps, we were able to offer children between the ages of 4-11 the chance to keep physically active during the February half-term.

Determined to make a lasting impression and help as many children as possible improve their physical wellbeing during the pandemic and beyond, the team at Active Fusion have worked tirelessly to make sure these camps are available to children across Doncaster. Due to the efforts of Doncaster Council, we were able to run seven camps in some high areas of deprivation within the borough, to 195 children.

Taking place across seven locations, the camps were free to children and consisted of a variety of sporting and artistic activities focused on maintaining high health and wellbeing levels, while also focussing on developing key skills outside of the academic environment.



FareShare, the UK's largest food redistribution charity, supported the camps by providing healthy snacks to supplement the activity provision, giving children an array of options from cereal bars to fresh fruit. FareShare Yorkshire supports over 290 vital frontline organisations across North, West and South Yorkshire.

"At a time when young people have been inside more often than ever, the work Active Fusion are doing to get young people in Doncaster moving is vital, for both mental and physical health. We were incredibly proud to support their work with some healthy drinks and snacks, ensuring every young person participating had plenty of energy."

Eimer Brown

Development Officer at FareShare Yorkshire



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THE IMPACT



HEADLINE STATISTICS



195

CHILDREN ATTENDED



736

TOTAL ATTENDANCE



142

KEY WORKER CHILDREN



50%

FSM OR SEND



23

VOLUNTEERS ABLE TO WORK



180

ACTIVE HOURS

ASKERN



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN ASKERN:

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Boys Girls



4-11

Age Range

32

Children



25

Active Hours
per child



44%

Children receive Free
School Meals or class as
SEND



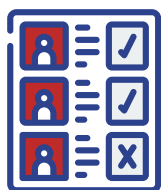
21

Key Worker
Children



130

Attendances



ASKERN CASE STUDY



I THINK THE CAMPS HAVE REALLY HELPED ILANA BECOME LESS ANXIOUS

The Active Fusion holiday camps have once again proven to help children remain positive and engaged throughout the nation's lockdown.

The camps, which ran across seven different locations across Doncaster, have been praised for their ability to keep children happy, according to grateful parent Michelle.

"Ilana has really enjoyed attending the camp sessions. She has told me that she has made new friends and has enjoyed going to each session.

"She is also more active when at home now, asking if we can go for a walk or a bike ride."

It comes as no surprise that children are worried about the current pandemic. Almost 12 months after the first lockdown, children are still anxious and confused about the whole situation.

"I am happy that Ilana has something to keep her busy and distract her from the current covid situation as she is a bit of a worrier. I think the camps have really helped Ilana become less anxious."

Michelle Whaley

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ASKERN PARENT FEEDBACK



WHAT IT MEANT TO PARENTS:

100%

of parents said their children appreciated the donation of snacks from FareShare

86%

of parents said that their children enjoyed their time on camp

100%

of parents said that camps made their children more active

86%

of parents said their children enjoyed socialising with other children

86%

of parents said their child's mental health was improved

100%

of parents would recommend Active Fusion to others

**Based on a select number of parents who filled out the feedback evaluation form upon completion of the holiday camps.*

"My son Rocco really struggles in school. He only attends 2 hours a day and has special needs but he really enjoyed the camp."

Levi

"Jamie-June loved being a part of a team and loves doing sports."

Ashley

"My child really enjoyed doing sport for the first time since before Christmas and loved the activities every day."

Laura

"I think it is a really positive event for children. To hear how the children are kept active and entertained is a credit to the coaches."

Danielle

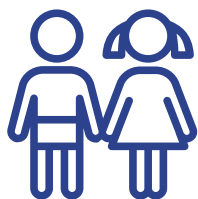
BALBY



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN BALBY:

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Boys Girls



4-11

Age Range

27

Children



25

Active Hours
per child



33%

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School Meals or class as
SEND



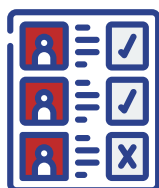
19

Key Worker
Children



78

Attendances



BALBY CASE STUDY



SEND STUDENT CONNOR GIVEN THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

During February half-term, SEND student Connor was given the opportunity to volunteer with Active Fusion, giving him some vital experience as he pursues a career as a football coach.

Connor, who is taking part in the Unified Leaders programme, in association with BBC Children in Need within Coppice School, was given the opportunity to volunteer with Active Fusion during half-term on their widely popular sports camps.

"I've enjoyed working for Active Fusion over half-term and meeting some members of the team. I wanted to come and get some experience coaching, so I can go back to Coppice School and start delivering some coaching sessions to different classes there."

The skills learnt through Unified Leaders have come in handy on camp, with Connor stating that the confidence from the programme helped him.

"I was able to communicate with the group and explain some of the games so the children knew what I wanted them to do."

Connor

"I would like to work for Active Fusion again because I have enjoyed doing something different and experiencing a new challenge. I loved being a part of the team."

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BALBY PARENT FEEDBACK



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"My child loved attending. He was really happy attending this camp, he talks about it all the time and how excited it made him."

Anonymous

"The opportunity for my son to be out of the home and socialise with other children for the first time since before Christmas has been very welcomed. To see my son's excitement to go and on his return tell me about how much fun he's had is priceless."

Cheryl

"The camps are just so good. They allow the kids to be kids, to chat and socialise. They have loved just being able to hang out with their pals and that is priceless at the moment."

Anonymous

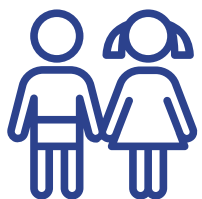
BENTLEY



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN BENTLEY:

10:16

Boys Girls



5-11

Age Range

26

Children



25

Active Hours
per child



50%

Children receive Free
School Meals or class as
SEND



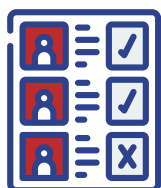
23

Key Worker
Children



101

Attendances



BENTLEY CASE STUDY



IF COVID WASN'T HERE I WOULD STILL COME TO CAMP WITH ACTIVE FUSION

Even though Active Fusion holiday camps have been a positive experience for children during lockdown, the feeling is that children would attend no matter what the situation – they just want to have fun.

The current pandemic meant that the holiday camps became even more crucial for children, who had missed out on both vital education and high-quality PE and physical activity during large parts of 2020. Brooke was one of those kids who missed school and her friends.

Thankfully for Brooke, the holiday camps have allowed her to be a kid again.

“Coming on camp has been really fun and enjoyable for me and my friends. There were loads of fun activities and games to do including parachutes and dodgeball and gymnastics. It was really fun, and I loved every minute.”

“I would definitely come again, especially during Covid. It’s better to be at camp than stuck at home with nothing to do. But if Covid wasn’t here, I would still come to camp.”

Brooke

“There was a lot of space to do fun activities and it was nice being able to get out of the house. Because we did so many different activities, I couldn’t pick a favourite.”

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BENTLEY PARENT FEEDBACK



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"Amazing and friendly staff working with my special needs son. All the staff acknowledged what he could and couldn't do."

Bryony

"My children thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience."

Anonymous

"I think this project and staff are fantastic and my daughter thoroughly enjoyed herself."

Anonymous

"I would like to thank all involved, my daughter really enjoyed attending and being able to socialise with her friends and exercise."

Miletta

CONISBROUGH



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN CONISBROUGH:

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Boys Girls



7-11

Age Range

26

Children



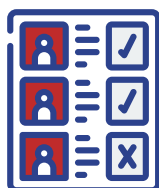
25

Active Hours
per child



106

Attendances



22

Key Worker
Children



31%

Children receive Free
School Meals or class as
SEND



CONISBROUGH CASE STUDY



APPRENTICE MAKES MOST OF HIS OPPORTUNITIES DURING HALF-TERM

Current Active Fusion apprentice Hunter Gadd is making the most of the opportunities presented to him, inspiring children in Conisbrough to be happy, healthy and active.

Hunter started his apprenticeship in September, at the height of the coronavirus pandemic and has taken every opportunity that has come his way.

Alongside supporting the lead coaches on camp, Hunter was able to develop his coaching knowledge by leading sessions aimed at keeping children physically stimulated.

"Working on the camp was fun and rewarding as I got the opportunity to share my interest in sports with children. I knew it would be a good opportunity as it would be beneficial for my experience as well as beneficial for the children to receive high-quality and engaging activities."

"I would, without a doubt, work on camp again. It was an amazing experience and judging from the smiles, I think it's fair to say the children have enjoyed it as much as I have."

Hunter

"Watching them work together in teams supporting one another and encouraging them to be their best was great to see."

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CONISBROUGH PARENT FEEDBACK



WHAT IT MEANT TO PARENTS:

80%

of parents said their children appreciated the donation of snacks from FareShare

100%

of parents said that their children enjoyed their time on camp

100%

of parents said that camps made their children more active

100%

of parents said their children enjoyed socialising with other children

100%

of parents said their child's mental health was improved

100%

of parents would recommend Active Fusion to others

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"I've noticed an improvement in my son's mood. I feel this camp gave him the opportunity to be active and socialise with his peers."

Emma F

"I have used the camps before and was highly impressed then and my expectations did not change this time. The camp has helped me to continue working as a key worker during this unprecedented time."

Emma

"I'm happy to say that the fabulous team have ensured that camps have been thoroughly enjoyed, no matter what changes and restrictions have applied on them."

Liz

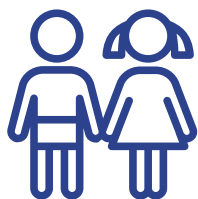
EDENTHORPE



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN EDENTHORPE:

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Boys Girls



4-11

Age Range

30

Children



25

Active Hours
per child



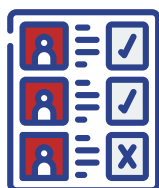
43%

Children receive Free
School Meals or class as
SEND



116

Attendances



14

Key Worker
Children



EDENTHORPE CASE STUDY



I'VE LOVED SEEING MY FRIENDS IN REAL LIFE WITHOUT A CAMERA

Children from Edenthorpe Hall Primary School have spoken out and praised Active Fusion's half-term holiday camp, which has seen children remain happy, healthy and active.

Having spent all of half-term engaging in fun activities and games, challenging them both mentally and physically, it is clear to see why pupils from Edenthorpe Hall were full of praise.

For a lot of children, the impact of the coaches is instrumental in making sure they have a good time. From delivering high-quality sessions, to keeping them mentally stimulated, to being their friend, coaches play a huge role in the enjoyment children experience on camp.

"They make you feel at home, I feel as if we're a really large friendship group, a bit like a family."

"They helped us a lot. I feel like we're all really good friends now. I'm even good friends with Coach Tia and Coach Freya."

Key Stage 2 Pupils

"It's better than looking at Microsoft Teams all day, I've loved being able to see my friends in real life without a camera."

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"My daughter attended this half-term camp and loved the social side and all the activities. I have put my daughter in previous Active Fusion camps and she has always loved them and continues to want to come back."

Anonymous

"Excellent camps full of great staff. A big thank you for all that you do for children."

Claire

"It has been a real help for us working parents who have enjoyed seeing our children have fun with their friends."

Louise

EDLINGTON



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN EDLINGTON:

12:12

Boys Girls



5-11

Age Range

24

Children



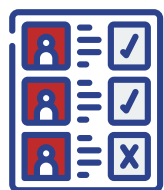
25

Active Hours
per child



58%

Children receive Free
School Meals or class as
SEND



92

Attendances

16

Key Worker
Children



EDLINGTON CASE STUDY



KNOWING I'VE DONE SOMETHING TO BENEFIT CHILDREN MAKES ME PROUD

Former Active Fusion apprentice Bailey Cowsell spent the February half-term making sure children in Edlington had access to physical activity opportunities. The 19-year-old, who completed his apprenticeship in 2020, took the opportunity to do something productive this half-term to benefit not only himself, but children across Doncaster.

"I've found the entire camp experience to be really good. It was a new opportunity for me to develop my experience in coaching, but also making the children happy and giving them a good experience throughout lockdown."

Bailey wanted the opportunity to give back to Active Fusion, and the best way to do that was to help the charity deliver memorable camps.

"Being a former apprentice, I've worked on camps before and they've always been an enjoyable, rewarding experience. Active Fusion were always really helpful to me throughout the course of my apprenticeship, so I wanted to give them something back for showing faith in me."

Bailey

"Knowing I've done something to benefit children during this tough time makes me proud to be a coach."

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EDLINGTON PARENT FEEDBACK



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100%

of parents said their children
appreciated the donation of
snacks from FareShare

100%

of parents said that
their children enjoyed
their time on camp

100%

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made their children more
active

80%

of parents said their
children enjoyed socialising
with other children

100%

of parents said their
child's mental health
was improved

100%

of parents would
recommend Active
Fusion to others

**Based on a select number of parents who filled out the feedback evaluation form upon completion of the holiday camps.*

"Fantastic opportunity for children to access - I highly recommend."

Anonymous

"You all do an amazing job and we are very grateful."

Anonymous

*"It was a fantastic experience and my child enjoyed it very much. He
can't wait for the next holiday camp."*

Anonymous

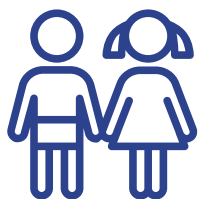
MOORENDS



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN MOORENDS:

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Boys Girls



5-11

Age Range

30

Children



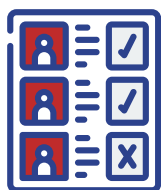
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Active Hours
per child



113

Attendances



27

Key Worker
Children



57%

Children receive Free
School Meals or class as
SEND



MOORENDS CASE STUDY



CAMPS HAVE ALLOWED ME TO GET OUT AND BRING NORMALITY BACK

University student and aspiring PE teacher Charlotte continues to gain the experience she needs thanks to Active Fusion's holiday camps.

The February camp has allowed her to make the most of her knowledge and experience in coaching, something she has thoroughly enjoyed.

"I found working on camp to be a really enjoyable and great experience. I have aspirations to become a PE teacher after my studies, so any chance to be able to coach children at the moment is hugely beneficial for me. All I want to do is to gain experience working in sports with children."

Charlotte is hopeful she can get back on camp as soon as possible.

"I would love to work with them in the future. I always enjoy my time with Active Fusion, they've helped me develop so much as a coach and as a person."

"Why do I keep coming back to work on camp? It's the smiles and the unexpected thanks you receive from the kids that stand out and make it all worthwhile."

Charlotte

"The camps have allowed me to get out and bring some form of normality back into my life. I'm really grateful for them."

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MOORENDS PARENT FEEDBACK



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100%

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"It really helped me out during these awful times, enabled me to carry out my work as a key worker. They've slept better too."

Kathryn

"Absolute lifesaver! The staff are amazing it enables me to work without a massive cost and the children love it. Thank you."

Sophie

"Thank you so much for this half-term. I've been working at covid centres and it has taken a lot of worry out of working and off my child's mind. Thank you so much."

Anonymous

