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Dear Laura Anne Jones MS

As indicated previously, I am writing with a substantial response to WQ88685: Is the Government going to fund another Summer of Fun programme for 2023?

While there is no allocated funding for the provision of activities on the same basis as last year's Summer of Fun, this summer a wide range of holiday projects will be available across Wales, including our Food and Fun scheme, which is available in all 22 local authority areas for the first time.

Food and Fun is a school-based education programme that provides food and nutrition education, physical activity, enrichment sessions and healthy meals to children during the school summer holidays. It is delivered through the Welsh Local Government Association.

In addition to this, local authorities have received £1m Playworks Holiday Project funding to support children's access to increased play opportunities during the school holidays and provide healthy food/snacks.

Free swimming for children and young people aged 16 and under continues to be available in all 22 local authorities.

There will also be support for families and a host of activities for children available through third sector and community partners. Families can find information on activities available over the summer holidays from their local authority Family Information Service.

This year we provided £1m to support community food organisations to overcome barriers to accessing, storing and distributing additional supplies of good quality food, including good food surplus. This funding has also enabled organisations to purchase products such as

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baby milk as well as other essential goods which support wellbeing, healthy diets and personal dignity.

We are also encouraging initiatives, such as baby banks and uniform banks as well as providing support for initiatives, which can help families save money on food by building their food knowledge and skills.

We have provided £2.5m to support the development of a cross-sector food partnerships in each local authority area which help to tackle the root causes of food poverty by supporting the co-ordination of on the ground, food-related activity. This funding supports joint working between the food partnerships, local authorities and partners such as Public Health Wales, health boards, public sector bodies, third sector organisations, businesses and academic institutions, housing associations and advice services.

These multi-agency partnerships draw together a variety of expertise that can help understand and respond local need in a strategic, joined up way which maximises the effectiveness of projects and ensures that resources are targeted at areas of greatest need.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**MARK DRAKEFORD**