

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Edsential has fulfilled its mission as a Community Interest Company during this difficult year. We have constantly adapted to schools' needs and safety requirements to be the sustainable, high quality partner that schools could rely on during these challenging times.

Please see our latest impact report: : <https://edsential.com/impactreport>

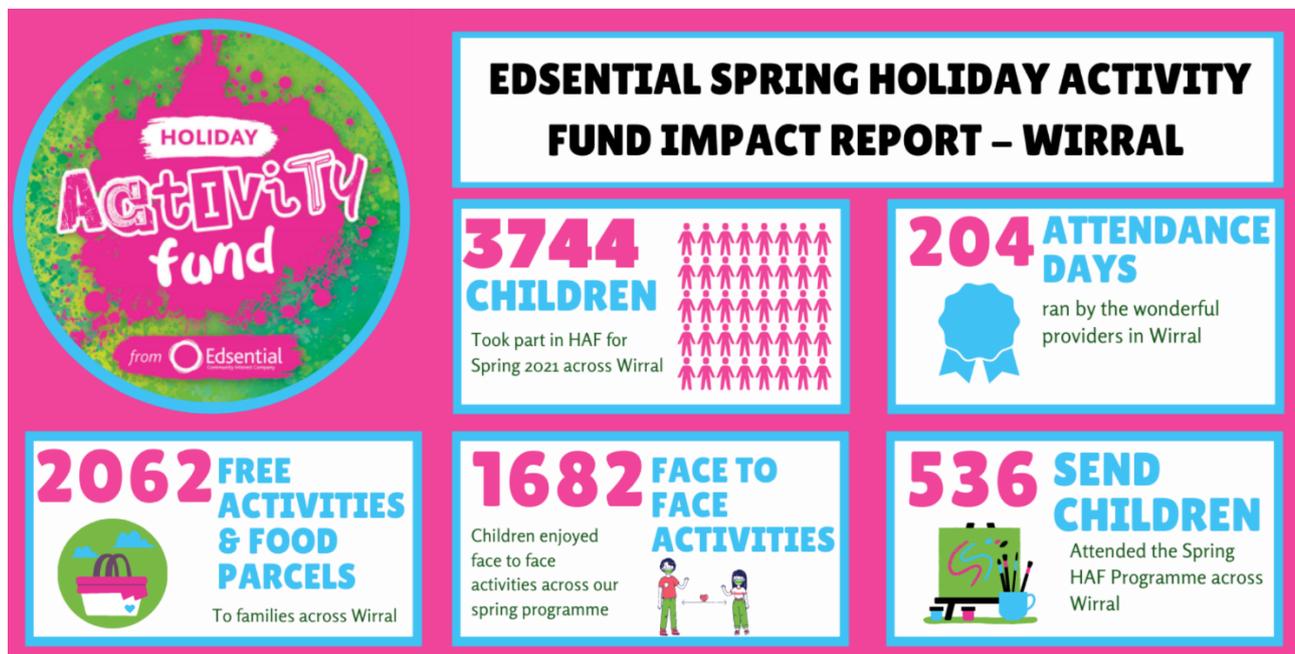
## 2. BACKGROUND

### Holiday Activity and Food programme coordination 2021

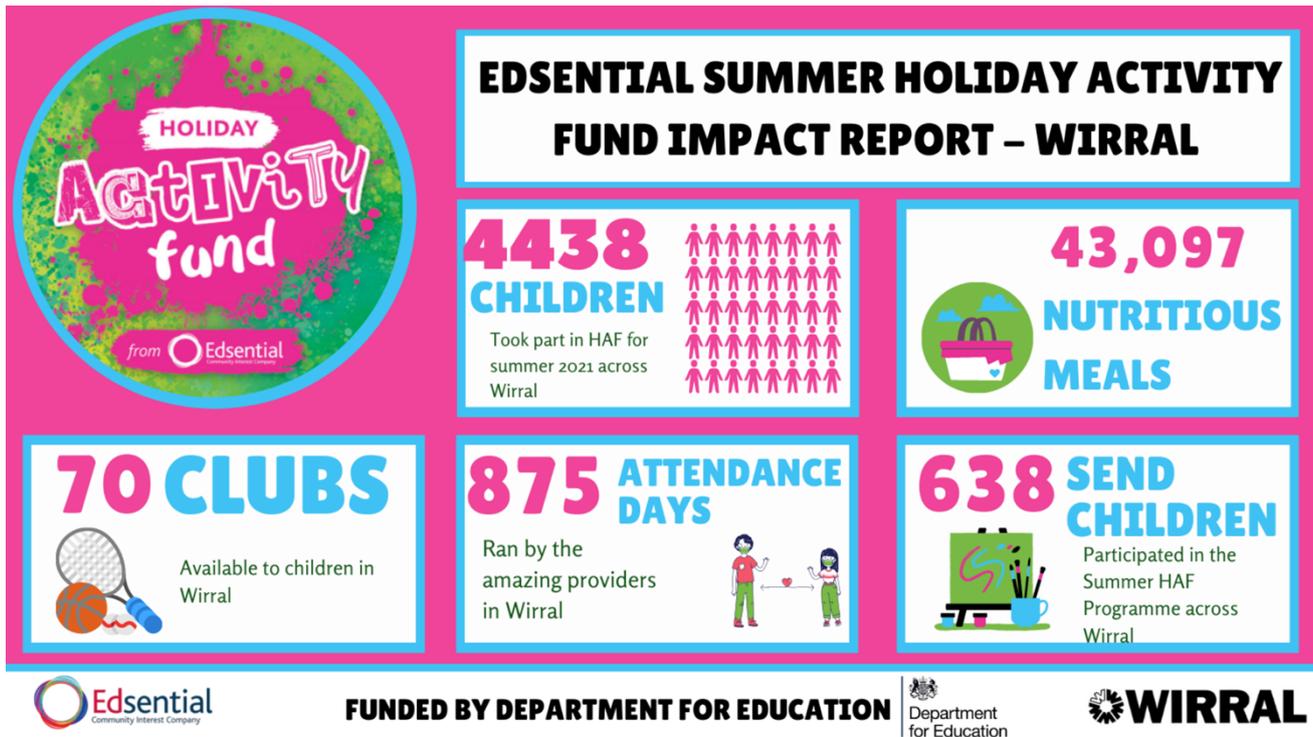
Edsential coordinated the 2021 HAF programme for Wirral, CWAC and Halton.

Within Wirral the Spring and Summer programmes were successfully delivered within Covid compliant settings.

### Spring 2021



## Summer 2021



The Winter HAF provision is currently recruiting settings for the Christmas period.

### Service delivery

Services returned to near normal in September with minor disruption in some areas due to absence and recruitment issues, however these were managed proactively and were no worse than those experienced in the general economy.

The residential centres are now fully open and we are currently building a woodland theatre on our site in Anglesey. This will be the only facility of its kind in the UK available for GCSE and A level courses supporting English, drama, dance and performing arts. We are also building an outdoor art setting to inspire art students and providing a flexible location to enable learning outside the classroom.

In the summer of 2022, we will be increasing the capacity of our Tattenhall centre by a further 40 beds and opening a new Iron Age roundhouse to support learning.

### COP26

We achieved a significant success with our commitment for supporting schools wishing to integrate climate change into the curriculum. Our COP26 Teacher Toolkit was selected for headline inclusion in the school resource pack on the official COP26 website. The toolkit was developed by our team with contributions from our national and international partners.

[www.cop26.edsential.co.uk](http://www.cop26.edsential.co.uk)

<https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/schools-pack-resources/>

We also ran 3 free teacher CPD sessions to support the toolkit and the development of climate change content for primary and secondary curricula.

## Covid impact

The further covid lockdowns in 2021 had a significant impact on Edsential, however we are proud of the support we were able to offer Wirral schools during this difficult period. We continued to provide school meals, cleaning and governor support services throughout and phased in the remaining services as you told us you were ready for us to do so.

Covid disruption has continued into our current financial year, but we are confident that we will return to pre-Covid health in 2022/23. We have concluded a refinancing of the business with our shareholders and have agreed a £1.7m loan to help cover our losses, we will be repaying this over the next 15 years.

On behalf of our near 1000 staff I would like to thank everyone who supported us during this year.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the report is noted.

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