

## Discover



## WHAT IS DISCOVER?

Discover is a family holiday programme for primary aged children who are either experiencing or at risk of experiencing poverty, who are attending mainstream CEC provision and their families.

Discover is delivered in partnership with City of Edinburgh Council Lifelong Learning, Edinburgh Community Food and others.

The aims of Discover:

- Reduce food and financial insecurity during the holidays
- Reduce the attainment gap in relation to poverty
- Reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing

Discover programme takes place in 4 hubs across the city

Families who are recommended can attend a hub and also order an ingredient box delivered to their home to take part in family cooking activities at home

Activities in hubs include arts, crafts, STEM activities, sports, dance, music, storytelling, biking and can include either group excursions or independent family trips.

Parents/ carers can also benefit from additional advice and support with cost of living, fuel, housing, employment, training or careers advice & support.

Adults receive 1 bus ticket in the ingredient box in order to travel to the hub, if additional bus tickets are required to attend other days, they can be collected in the hub

## RECOMMENDATION CRITERIA

**Discover is a program developed to support families in poverty or at risk of poverty**

**Many of these families may meet one or more of the following criteria:**

- family struggling to meet basic necessities (food, shelter, fuel, clothing, utilities or toiletries)
- meet criteria for both free school meals & school clothing grant
- school have made a recommendation for family to food bank and/ or school uniform bank in the past 6 months
- family living in temporary accommodation
- receiving means tested social security benefits

**Other recommendations will be considered on a discretionary basis.**

**Questions? Please contact**  
**[discover@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:discover@edinburgh.gov.uk)**

# RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

If you have identified a family in your primary school who are either experiencing or at risk of experiencing poverty and may benefit from attending the Discover Program

- Please discuss the programme and recommendation with the family and share the Family Discover Flyer that will provide more information to the family on what to expect
- Explain that families will require to use an email address in order to receive invitations from Discover each holiday period.
- If the family wish to join Discover. You can recommend a family by contacting [discover@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:discover@edinburgh.gov.uk) and requesting the recommendation link, which will be sent to you

Family details will be automatically saved and stored by Discover in line with GDPR regulations.

- When the Discover team receive a recommendation for a family, they will send an invitation email approx 3 - 4 weeks before the holiday period, welcoming them to Discover inviting them to sign up to:
  - Attend their Local Hub
  - To receive an ingredient box for cooking activities
- Once recommended, families will be invited to attend the Discover programme for two years. After this period families will require to be recommended again.

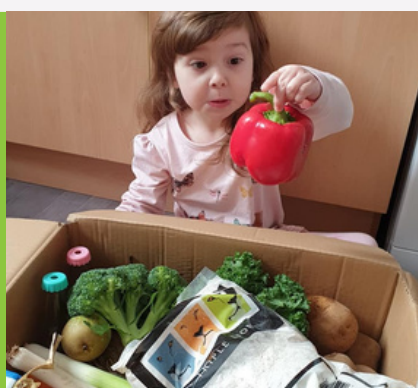


**"Every year, we make memories to cherish for whole life time, but this year every help of yours make our life easier, with health and money issues. Thanks a lot you all are stars"**

**All recommendations to the program must be received before the closing date on the recommendation form (usually 4 weeks prior to every holiday session)**

**Recommendations received after the cut off date, will be invited to attend the next holiday session**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION PROCESS PLEASE EMAIL [DISCOVER@EDINBURGH.GOV.UK](mailto:DISCOVER@EDINBURGH.GOV.UK)**



**"it's been a wonderful experience trying and discovering new ingredients. I've really enjoyed our boxes and loved having some extra activities to do with the kids"**

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