

# Childcare Fund Income Eligibility Criteria

Applications for assistance from the Childcare Funds will be considered on the receipt of all documentation requested. As funds are limited, you are encouraged to apply for your funding early.

What you need to know:

- Payment will be made to childcare providers rather than students.
- You must use Care Commission registered formal childcare providers.
- Payment is for timetabled hours only.
- The College will consider Childcare Fund awards under the following criteria:

## Full time Study – Maximum Weekly Childcare Fund Contribution Rate

Student's Household Income	%	Childcare Fund Contribution Rates for 1 Child	Childcare Fund Contribution Rates for 2 or more Children
£0 – £20,000	100%	£162	£214
£20,000 – £22,499	75%	£121	£160
£22,500 – £24,999	50%	£81	£107
£25,000 – £29,999	25%	£40	£53
£30,000 and over	0%	£0	£0

## Part time Study – Daily Childcare Fund Contribution Rate

Student's Household Income	%	Childcare Fund Contribution Rates for 1 Child	Childcare Fund Contribution Rates for 2 or more Children
£0 – £20,000	100%	£40	£53
£20,000 – £22,499	75%	£30	£40
£22,500 – £24,999	50%	£20	£27
£25,000 – £29,999	25%	£10	£13
£30,000 and over	0%	£0	£0

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**The maximum childcare fund award will be £7,500 per student based on the full time, standard 35 term weeks (award will be adjusted on a pro rata basis per course) with a maximum hourly rate of £4.50 for children over 2 and £5.50 for children under 2 years.**

- Childcare awards are for term weeks only. Childcare is not payable for College holidays.
- 3 – 5 year olds.  
It is expected that parents will use the Government Funded nursery provision for 3 – 5 year olds.
- Childcare awards can be adjusted for weeks on placement.
- Where your course is timetabled but the school is on holiday or has in-service days, your childcare award can be adjusted for the additional hours.
- Award payments are for the duration of the year (your letter will show a total award for the year).