

Childcare

If you have children that you are responsible for, then you can apply for assistance with your childcare costs. However, these costs can only be for your College timetabled hours and mandatory work placements as part of your course.

There is a limited amount of money available in this fund to support childcare payments. It is based on household income, therefore, not all students who apply for assistance with childcare will be eligible to receive support towards their claim.

If you have a spouse/partner who is unemployed/at home during your timetabled classes, we will not contribute towards these hours.

In order to assist with childcare costs, your contract must be with a registered childcare provider, nursery or breakfast/afterschool club. The childcare provider you use must be registered with Care Inspectorate.

No formal contract will exist between childcare providers and the College.

No assistance will be given towards the costs incurred during private study days. However, if additional days for childcare are needed e.g. school in-service days, then we may be able to support this but will need written confirmation from your childcare provider of this and the additional costs.

Some childcare providers charge deposits, the College will not pay towards these costs.

All childcare funds are paid directly to your chosen Childcare provider, one week in arrears.

Funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) is available to all 3 and 4 year olds, and eligible 2 year olds. From August 2021, the entitlement will be 1140 hours per year (or 30 hours a week if taken term time).

You will be sent correspondence detailing the value and dates of payments, which will be available on your student portal.

If you are changing childcare provider during the College year, please contact the Student Funding team as early as possible to discuss how this may affect your claim.

Childcare award is based on the following household income. The student's income is not taken into consideration.

Income	£ per hour
£0 – £14,999	£5.00
£15,000 - £19,999	£4.00
£20,000 – £24,999	£3.00
£25,000 – £29,999	£2.00
£30,000 +	£0

Please note: We may not be able to meet the full childcare payment. You will be responsible for meeting any additional cost.

Evidence Required

SAAS Award letter – This can be downloaded from your SAAS portal
Childcare contract – this needs to include name of provider, Childcare registration number, daily costs, days and times in which child attends
P60 Covering April 2021– March 2022 for partner
Council Tax Notification – 2022 if single person
Benefit Letter/screen shot of at least 6 Months Universal Credit Award showing name, address and all elements awarded (this includes deductions)

We may ask for additional evidence depending on your circumstances.

Contact Information

Our aim is to support every individual who seeks to further their education. You can make an appointment to see one of our Funding Team if you need assistance with your funding application or have any questions regarding funding. These bookable appointments can be made by either calling the main College number on **0344 248 0115** or emailing studentfunding@fife.ac.uk