

20+ Childcare Bursary 2025/26



To be completed by the Student's Childcare Provider Only

Child Full Name (1):	Child Full Name(2):
Date of Birth:	Date of Birth:
Student Name:	Student's Contact Number:
Childcare Provider Name:	Address of Childcare Provider:
Ofsted Registration Number:	Post Code:
Manager Contact No:	Email:

Contract: ☐ Breakfast Club ☐ Single Session ☐ Full Day ☐ Afterschool Club ☐ Tuition/Sport

Sessions Booked	Time	Discount Applied	Cost/Session
Monday		- £	£
Tuesday		- £	£
Wednesday		- £	£
Thursday		- £	£
Friday		- £	£
Total weekly cost of childcare			£

Additional information or special arrangements:

Has the student paid a deposit? If yes, how much £_____ is this refundable? _____

What is your notice period for cancellation: _____ Is parent aware of this period? _____

Do you have a signed contract with the parent? _____ If yes, please attach copy to this form.

Payments will be made via BACS in arrears in the 1st week of every month direct to the Childcare Provider only. Please provide your bank account details below so that we can process payments direct to you.

Please read notes on the second page for more information about the childcare bursary.

Childcare Provider Account Name								
Account Number								
Sort Code								

Declaration

- I/We understand that the College will provide a written confirmation on the outcome of the student's application.
- I/We understand that childcare provision will be paid for the time the student is timetabled to attend college only and that the college is not liable for any excess incurred.
- I/We confirm any government support available for this child/these children has been allocated towards study time.
- I am/We are happy to receive payment in arrears, **being monthly instalments over the course of the academic year.**
- I/We understand that I/we must inform the college when the student's child/children cease to use our facilities.
- I/We will understand that any outstanding balance will be paid for by the student

Name: _____ **Position:** _____ **Sign:** _____ **Date:** _____

Bedford College Childcare Bursary 2025/26 - Information for Childcare Providers	
20+ Childcare	Government funded financial support for students aged 20 years and over on eligible funded courses. Students aged between 16 and 19 must apply to Care to Learn for childcare funding. www.gov.uk/care-to-learn
Level of Support	<p>Our financial support is merely a contribution towards the costs of a student's childcare costs whilst in College. Providers must ensure they have an arrangement with the student to obtain any outstanding balance over and above our contribution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where household income is less than £16,190 students will receive a bursary up to £140 per week. Where household income is between £16,191 and £45,000 students will receive a bursary up to £100 per week. <p>The maximum combined financial support from all bursary funds for each learner is up to 80% of the student's course fees.</p>
Period of Support	Most of our courses run over 35 weeks and some over 32 weeks or less. We will only provide funding for childcare during timetabled lessons on a term-time only basis. The academic year comes to an end on 26 June 2026.
Payment	<p>A direct payment to the childcare provider in arrears in the 1st week of each month, starting from 3rd October 2025</p> <p><i>Please note the College Childcare Bursary does not pay for deposits or retainers.</i></p>
Free childcare and education for 2 to 4 year olds	<p>All 3 to 4-year-olds (and some 2-year-olds) in England can get 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week over 38 weeks of the year. Some qualify for 30hrs a week.</p> <p><i>Students are required to use this allocation towards their study time at the College, we will pay for any additional childcare needed above the government funding. We cannot duplicate any government support available to the student.</i></p>
Notice Periods	The College will only pay for a maximum notice period of up to four weeks in the event that a student withdraws from the College without informing the childcare providers. Childcare providers are advised to inform the College of any child absence of one week or over where they are receiving childcare funding for that child.
Award / Payment Notification	A copy of the students award letter will be sent to the childcare provider. The award letter will show how much the student is getting and when payments will be made.
Contact information	T: 01234 291000 / E: bursaries@bedford.ac.uk