



Support for students with children

If you have dependent children, finding and funding good quality childcare will be at the top of your list of concerns. There are many registered childcare providers to choose from and many universities and colleges have a private nursery on campus.

Financing your childcare

If you are a full-time HE student you can apply for a **Childcare Grant** of:

- Up to £155.24 a week for one child
- Up to £266.15 a week for two or more children

The grant can be used to help pay for childcare costs for children under 15, or under 17 if they have special educational needs.

You must be eligible for Student Finance to apply for a Childcare Grant. Any money you get is paid on top of your Student Finance and you don't have to pay it back. You can check if you are eligible at:

www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies

Most registered childcare providers only offer daytime places, so if you need to be at college or university in the evening, you'll need to organise this separately.

You can find out more about Childcare Grants at: www.gov.uk/childcare-grant

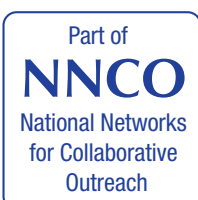
Other financial support for parents

Full-time students with children can also get up to £1,573 a year to help with their learning costs. This is called **Parents' Learning Allowance**. The money can help pay for books, study materials and travel. How much you get depends on your household income.

Like the Childcare Grant, the Parents' Learning Allowance is paid on top of your other Student Finance and you don't have to pay it back.

Find out more about the Parents' Learning Allowance www.gov.uk/parents-learning-allowance

You may also be eligible to claim some means-tested benefits and/or Tax Credits in addition to your student loans and grants. Check with a student finance adviser at the university or college where you are considering studying.



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