



16-19 Care to Learn Application for Childcare

Office Use Only		Staff Signature			Date received
Awarded Childcare £				Copy of agreement sent to parent/childcare provider	
Rejected	Over	Insufficient	Bank Details Obtained	OFSTED reg verified	

Forename	Surname	Student Number
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Does your course include a work placement? **Yes** **No**

- Please read guidance notes below and return this application form **in person**.

Childcare Application Guidance Notes

Please read carefully all information provided below

Am I eligible for 16-19 Financial Support for Childcare?

To be eligible you must:

- Be under the age of 20 on 31 August 2026
- Use an **OFSTED** registered nursery, child-minder or after school/ breakfast club.
- Meet the residency criteria within the UK at the start of your study programme

- Be an enrolled student on: a full-time course; a part-time course with a work placement; or an accredited part-time course which runs during the day e.g. ESOL, GCSEs etc. This includes Level 2 & 3 Teaching Assistant courses, where you may be entitled to 2 days funding if you are enrolled on a daytime timetable.
- If your course requires work placement during the holidays there may be funding available. Please enquire with Student & College Services
- If your child requires before and after school care you will need to find a provider that accommodates before and after school hours. Full day rates will not be funded.
- Provide evidence that you are the main carer for the child e.g. Birth Certificate, Child Benefit letter or Child Tax Credit letter.
- Be the sole carer of the child and not have a partner able to look after the child while you attend College.

Restrictions and Guidelines for Childcare Providers

- Childcare costs are only paid for the days you attend college based on timetabled lessons, although some courses may be eligible for up to two day's placement.
- Children who are two, three or four years old and eligible for free childcare, this must be used in first instance and then the college will pay any top-up fees if your application is successful.
- Where 2/3 year government funding is in place, this funding needs to be utilised term time only, to cover the student's timetabled hours fully. We are unable to support with funding if hours are being used all year round or stretched across morning/afternoon sessions.
- To support this funding structure the college requires childcare providers to deduct the funded hours from the settings daily rate.
- Term-time only contracts should be used, unless your course requires placement hours all year round.
- Funding is capped at £180 per child per week. If there are any additional costs due to registration or retainer costs, please inform the college.

COVID Guidelines for Childcare

If we have awarded childcare funding for a learner, the college will continue to pay agreed charges during any absence relating to COVID. For example college closures & class cancellations, to enable learners to complete their required scheduled home learning (as per timetable).

Guidelines for Childcare Provider Completing the Childcare Form

- The childcare provider(s) must complete all relevant information. An e-mail address and contact name are very important because this is the quickest way to contact the childcare provider if there is a problem with the application, attendance or invoices.

- If you are a new provider, please ensure that bank details are provided on letter headed paper.
- Nursery fee charges will need providing along with the completed application. This is to help the college assess and award funds appropriately.
- Invoices need to be sent monthly from 30th September 2026 and can be sent via email. If the students attendance is below 90% they will be liable for their fees.
- Completion of this form does not mean a student is eligible for financial assistance for their childcare costs. If you have not heard or received any confirmation from the College by 22 August 2026 please contact a member of Student and College Services Team in reception on 0161 643 7560 or email childcare.bursary@hopwood.ac.uk
- No confirmation could mean non-payment of fees.
- The Student is responsible for the payment of childcare until the college has formally agreed to contribute to the cost.
- Invoices detailing the sessions used should be submitted monthly, payments will be made within 30 days of receiving a month end invoice ie. the invoice for November's childcare should be submitted at the END of November and payment will be made on or around 15th December (due to the volumes of applications received in college in the first term payments may be delayed).
- If applicable, students must pay their contribution direct to their provider on a monthly basis.
- The College will only pay for the agreed amount of funding per session.
- If a student stops attending their course of study or has removed their child from childcare, funding will cease immediately.
- Students who choose to take holidays during term time will be responsible for paying the full childcare fees during that period.
- College will not work with childcare providers who are deemed 'Inadequate' following an Ofsted inspection.
- College reserves the right to cease working relationships with providers who are deemed to be unprofessional and uncooperative with college rules and staff.

Child Details - to be completed by applicant

Childs Name and Details

Forename(s):	Surname:		
Date of Birth:	Age on 31st Aug 2026:	Male	Female
Childcare Provider:	Childcare grant?		
Are you currently using 15/30 funded childcare hours?	Yes	No	
Does your Childcare Provider require any deposit/registration or retainer fees?	Yes	No	If yes - how much

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STUDENT DECLARATION (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

- I confirm that the information given is correct and that I understand the regulations specified on the guidance notes and I will comply with them.
- I understand that giving false information may lead to legal action being taken against me to recover monies paid and that the contract will be terminated.
- I agree to provide additional information if requested, to substantiate my application.
- I confirm that I am the sole parent/carer for the child and if I lose custody of the child/children, even temporarily, I will notify you immediately.

I have included proof of:

Child Benefit

I will notify the College of any changes in my childcare needs in advance and I understand that I may be liable for charges not authorised by the Student and College Services Team.

If I fail to attend College or withdraw without informing Student and College Services then I will become liable for my childcare fees.

I understand that if my attendance is below 90% then I may be liable for my childcare fees.

I/We confirm that there are no known conflicts of interest—such as family relationships, shared directorships, or financial interests—between any parties involved in this application and/or Hopwood Hall College. Any such interests that arise will be disclosed and managed appropriately or result in funding being removed.

Student Signature: Date:

SCSA Signature: Date:

Evidence attached:

Childcare Provider Details - to be completed by your childcare provider

Provider Names and Details

Nursery/Child-minder Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

E-mail (essential):

OFSTED Number (essential):

Contact name (Manager):

(If you are a new provider, please ensure that bank details are provided on letter headed paper)

Bank Details (essential)

Sort code

Account Number

Name of Bank

Please provide your Nursery Fee Charges and enclose with this application

Daily Rate £

(for timetabled days only)

Registration/Retainer, if any £

* If the child is receiving 15 funded hours, this will need deducting from the daily rate.

Childcare Provider Declaration

- I confirm that the above information is correct and that I have read and understood the guidance notes on the front page of this document.
- The fees are the cheapest available to the student and in line with student attendance at Hopwood Hall College.
- I will inform the College One month in advance of any changes.
- I will inform the College if the child does not attend for more than one week.
- If the child does not attend for four weeks I accept those four weeks in lieu of notice and any overpayment must be repaid to the College.

- Fees paid are term time only unless agreed otherwise by Hopwood Hall College.
- I will send invoices each month end by email to childcare.bursary@hopwood.ac.uk.
- I/We confirm that there are no known conflicts of interest - such as family relationships, shared directorships, or financial interests - between any parties involved in this application and/or Hopwood Hall College. Any such interests that arise will be disclosed and managed appropriately or result in funding being removed.

Manager Name (please print):

Signature:

Date:

NOTES FOR OFFICE USE

Please add any relevant information to support application

