



Care to Learn Scheme Application Form (Under 20) 2026-2027

Care to Learn is a government funded scheme that is available to students under the age of 20 and is available for publicly funded courses in England. To qualify for Care to Learn the eligibility is as follows:

- You are a parent under 20 at the start of the course
- You are the main carer for the child
- You live in England
- You're either a British Citizen or have a legal right to live and study in England
- Your course qualifies (publicly funded course in England)
- Your childcare provider qualifies (registered with Ofsted / Ofsted registered childminder agency)

Student Details – Please complete this form fully.		
Name:	Student Ref No:	
Full Address:	Date of Birth:	Age on 31 st Aug 2026:
Email Address:	Mobile No:	
Details of course you are studying:		
Campus of study:	Havant Campus ☐	South Downs Campus ☐ Alton ☐

RESIDENCY CONDITIONS:

Are you a British/Irish Citizen? <i>(Please provide recent proof of residency i.e. bank stmt./utility bill)</i>	Yes ☐ / No ☐ <i>(if no please answer next question)</i>
Please confirm what your immigration status is within the UK from this eligibility list? <i>(delete as appropriate and provide paperwork)</i>	Asylum seeker / Refugee status / Humanitarian protection / Discretionary or indefinite leave to remain / indefinite leave to enter / limited leave to enter or remain / leave outside of the rules.

CHILDRENS DETAILS:

Please note which childcare provider the child(ren) will attend and **provide a copy of the birth certificate and/or the child benefit award letter (for each child you are claiming for)** when submitting this form.

Name(s) of children who you are applying for childcare costs for	Age	Date of birth	Proposed childcare setting	Are childcare Travel costs required
1.				Yes ☐ No ☐
2.				Yes ☐ No ☐

STUDENT DECLARATION:

- By submitting this application, you are agreeing to all the conditions and eligibility criteria of the Care to Learn scheme.
- I understand that no payments will be made to the childcare provider until my application has been fully approved by HSDC.
- I understand that the maximum amount payable towards childcare costs per week (including any associated travel costs) cannot exceed £180.00, and that anything over this amount will be my responsibility to cover. Childcare hours can include up to an additional half an hour at start and end of session to cover travelling time between college and childcare provider.
- I understand that my child's attendance and my own must be verified before any payments can be made. Unacceptable levels of absences may result in non-payment of fees (at college's discretion). Where a payment cannot be made due to this, any financial liability that is still due to the childcare provider becomes my responsibility.
- I understand that I may only claim Care to Learn if I fulfil the residency conditions and that it is my responsibility to advise HSDC of any changes to my residency.
- I confirm I am the main carer for the child(ren) detailed in this application and that I am claiming/in receipt of the child benefit for the child(ren).
- I will tell HSDC immediately if I stop taking my child(ren) to the childcare provider detailed or if I change childcare providers.
- I will advise HSDC immediately if I become aware that my childcare provider has become de-registered with Ofsted.
- I will advise HSDC immediately if my claim for child benefit ceases, is refused or I am no longer in receipt of it for the child(ren) detailed in this application.
- I will advise HSDC if I become eligible for other childcare funding (i.e. government early years funding) or from any other source.
- I understand that if I withdraw/am withdrawn from the course that the nursery payments will cease with immediate effect.
- I confirm that all the information I have given is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving any false information which may lead to wrongfully claiming financial help from the college, may result in any future assistance being stopped and any incorrectly paid funds being recovered. I also understand that using any false information may result in a referral to the police.
- I agree to HSDC processing personal data contained in this application form for the purpose of administering Financial Assistance. I understand that, if applicable, any bank details on this form will only be used for processing refunds and the college will adhere to relevant data protection policies & procedures. Should you require any further information, regarding the processing of your personal data, then please contact dataprotection@hsrc.ac.uk

Name:			
Signature:		Date:	

Please return this form to the relevant campus with any required documentation to: HSDC, Student Travel & Support:

- Alton Campus, Old Odiham Road, Alton. GU34 2LX
 - Havant Campus, New Road, Havant, PO9 1QL
- South Downs Campus, College Road, Waterloo, PO7 8AA

If you have any enquiries about this application, you may email Havant & South Downs Campuses on travelandsupport@hsrc.ac.uk

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CHILDCARE PROVISION SECTION

Please ask your chosen childcare provider to fully complete and sign this childcare provision section.

Name of childcare provider:	
Address of childcare provider (including postcode):	
Type of childcare provision:	Early Years nursery/pre-school ☐ Childminder ☐ Specialist provision ☐ Out of school club ☐ Creche ☐ Other ☐ - please state _____
Phone number:	
Email address:	
Main point of contact:	

If you are a childminder, please answer this additional question.

Are you registered with an Ofsted registered childminder agency? If yes, please complete the additional childminder agency form at the end of this form.	Yes ☐ / No ☐
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REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Please ensure you provide a copy of your Ofsted registration when returning this form.

Ofsted registration number:	
School's Unique Reference Number (URN) if applicable:	

CHILDCARE PLACEMENT DETAILS:

Please enter the relevant details for each child (from this application form) in your care.

Child name	Start date	End date	Total Weekly childcare hrs	No. Gov. funded hrs	No. Payable hrs
1.					
2.					

Please provide:	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Child 1 Session days & times:					
Child 2 Session days & times:					

How do you charge for childcare sessions? <i>Please confirm rates in the box below & notify us of any changes throughout the year</i>	Hourly ☐ Half day ☐ Full day ☐ Weekly ☐ Sessions ☐
Are retainers charged during half terms & seasonal holidays to retain child's space?	Yes ☐ / No ☐ £
Do you charge a registration fee?	Yes ☐ / No ☐ £
Do you require a deposit?	Yes ☐ / No ☐ £

Please indicate the additional weekly costs for each child you have indicated you provide childcare for. **Please provide evidence of your current fee/charging model (please note that any changes throughout the year must be notified to us by email so payments can be updated accordingly).**

Child	Hourly/session charge	Extras charged	Please provide details of the extras charged
1	£	£	
2	£	£	

Bank details for payment of invoices – *please note that payments are made in arrears as both student and child attendance must be verified prior to settlement of invoices via the care 2 learn scheme. **Please provide your full BACS details on headed paper if you have not previously received any payments from HSDC.***

Account name (as appears on your statement):	
Name of Bank/Building society:	
Sort code:	
Account number:	
Reference required for payment:	

CHILDCARE PROVIDER DECLARATION:

- I confirm that all the details provided within the childcare provider section are correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that no payments will be made towards the childcare invoices until the application has been fully approved by HSDC (you will be notified).
- I understand that we will need to supply a full breakdown invoice to HSDC by email (travelandsupport@hsrc.ac.uk) as soon as it is available/produced each month.
- I understand that HSDC will pay childcare invoices in arrears to ensure that both child and parents' attendance can be verified prior to settlement.
- Furthermore, in connection with attendance I understand that if there is an occurrence where a payment cannot be made due to unacceptable level of absences (this decision is at the college's discretion) then any financial liability that is still due to yourselves will become the parent's responsibility.
- I understand that we will be required to provide the attendance data on the child by a specified date (details to be confirmed when application approved) to ensure that there is no delay with payments.
- I understand that additional childcare costs will be covered by the scheme but only in instances where these hours have been required for the student to attend exams or work experience. Childcare costs outside of this remit will be the responsibility of the Parent.
- I understand that if the student withdraws from/is withdrawn from the course that we will be notified immediately and that payments will cease and then become the parent's responsibility to pay.
- I confirm that the company is registered with Ofsted or a childminder agency to specifically provide childcare and have provided HSDC with the relevant correct information and proof of Ofsted registration.
- I will inform HSDC immediately (via email) of any fee changes that will impact invoice costs. If not advised increased costs may not be payable.
- I will inform HSDC immediately if I am de-registered by Ofsted or the childminder agency.
- I will inform HSDC if there are any changes to the childcare fees being claimed through the Care to Learn scheme.
- I will inform HSDC immediately if childcare ceases to be provided for the child(ren) detailed in this form.

Name:			
Job Title:			
Signature:		Date:	

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LEARNING PROVIDER & COURSE SECTION (For completion by college)

Learning provider:	Havant & South Downs college (FE College)
Address of learning provider:	Havant Campus ☐ - New Road, Havant, Hampshire. PO9 1QL South Downs Campus ☐ - College Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire. PO7 8AA Alton ☐ - Old Odiham Road, Alton, Hampshire. GU34 2LX
Registration details: (SDC/ALT/HAV***Initials)	SDC / ALT / HAV 00
Course name:	
Course level:	Unaccredited ☐ Level 1 ☐ Level 2 ☐ Level 3 ☐ Level 4 ☐ Other ☐ _____
Course start date:	
Course end date:	
Does the course follow the standard academic year?	Yes ☐ / No ☐

APPROVAL:

Date fully completed application received:	
Has all eligibility criteria for student been met:	Yes ☐ / No ☐
If student is asylum seeker – are they under 18/19 – refer to guidance – is eligibility still met.	Yes ☐ / No ☐
Has the correct proof of residency been provided: <i>(detail what proof provided & retain a copy)</i>	Yes ☐ / No ☐
Have copies of Birth certificate(s) or child benefit letter been seen <i>(detail which & retain a copy)</i> for child(ren) listed in application form:	Yes ☐ / No ☐
Has the childcare provider section been fully completed & eligibility met:	Yes ☐ / No ☐
Check childcare provider Ofsted registration	Yes ☐ / No ☐
Ofsted registration proof provided <i>(by provider)</i> :	Yes ☐ / No ☐
Are childcare costs and any required travel costs below the £180.00 cap per week?	Yes ☐ / No ☐ (if no - student must cover difference).
Application approved/declined: <i>Detail any decision justification if required (for audit purposes). If criteria and eligibility have been met, this can be stated as: Criteria/Eligibility all met.</i>	APPROVED – eligibility & criteria fully met ☐ DECLINED – eligibility & criteria not met ☐
Application reviewed by:	
Date approved/declined:	
Student and childcare provider advised of outcome:	Student ☐ / Childcare provider ☐
Entered onto Care 2 Learn spreadsheet:	☐
Entered onto Pro system:	☐
F drive folders created:	☐
Unique student ref. no added to attendance form:	☐