

NEWCASTLE AND STAFFORD COLLEGES GROUP
STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT GUIDANCE 2025/2026
CHILDCARE GUIDANCE

Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group is pleased to be able to offer financial support to help students meet the costs of childcare whilst you are attending college. Please read the guidance below for information about the types of support on offer.

DISCRETIONARY CHILDCARE FUNDING FOR STUDENTS AGED 20+

Who can apply?

- Students who are aged 20 or over on 31st August 2025 and have a total household income below £35,000 per year.

What evidence will I need to provide?

- You will need to provide a copy of your current Tax Credit or Universal Credit Award; detailing the support you receive for the child/children for whom you are requesting support. You will also need to provide details of your chosen childcare provider(s).

How much will the College contribute?

- The College will contribute a maximum of £50 per day or £20 per day for before and after school club (based on your timetabled lessons and compulsory placements). This support is available on a **term-time only** basis.

How will payments be made?

- Payments will be made directly to an Ofsted registered childcare provider of your choice, as long as the provider agrees to our terms and conditions.

How do I apply?

- You will have to complete **both** an application form for Childcare Support **and** the application form for Student Financial Support and provide all relevant evidence. You can download the application form for Childcare Support from the College website or by contacting the Student Finance Team on 01782 254188 or studentfinanceteam@nscg.ac.uk to request a copy.

CHILDCARE FUNDING FOR STUDENTS AGED 16-19

Who can apply?

- Care to Learn is a Government scheme for students who are aged 19 or under on 31st August 2025. Your child must attend an Ofsted registered childcare provider.

How much will I receive?

- You may be eligible to receive help with the cost of childcare and transport (up to £180 per week) whilst you are learning.

How do I apply?

- To apply for the Care to Learn scheme please complete the application for Childcare Support. You can download the application form for Childcare Support from the College website or by contacting the Student Finance Team on 01782 254188 or studentfinanceteam@nscg.ac.uk to request a copy.
- When you apply, you must give your education provider either:
 - a copy of the child's birth certificate
 - a letter confirming receipt of Child Benefit for that child
- For further information please go to <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>

If you need any help or assistance in relation to any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Finance Team on 01782 254188 (Newcastle) 01785 275494 (Stafford) or by emailing studentfinanceteam@nscg.ac.uk. We are happy to give advice and guidance via email, over the telephone or to arrange appointments on a one to one basis.