

Care to Learn

- Care to Learn (“C2L”) can help with the cost of your childcare, including deposit and registration fees, keeping your childcare place over the summer holidays (this has to be applied for separately) and taking your child to their childcare provider. The provider’s charge must meet the C2L guidelines or you could be left with a bill. Young people can claim C2L for independent study time required as part of their study programme to complete coursework, undertake revision or homework, but only for a weekly maximum of £175 per child per week.

Payments

- Childcare payments go directly to your childcare provider.
- Before they can be paid, your childcare provider needs to confirm your child’s attendance together with the childcare provider’s business name, address, email address and contact details, childcare dates and fees, Ofsted registration number and bank or building society details. SFX must confirm that you are attending your course.
- Travel payments go direct to SFX - we’ll either pay you or arrange travel for you.

When payments stop

- Payments end when you stop attending your course, you reach the end of your course or your child stops attending childcare.

Your childcare provider

- To qualify, your childcare provider must be registered with Ofsted. They can be a childminder, preschool playgroup, day nursery or out of school club.

How to claim

- You apply online. New C2L applicants and young parents who have applied in the previous academic year can both find the links into the on-line portal at <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>.

Making an application

- You must choose your childcare provider before you apply. You will need to know their contact name, postcode, telephone number, email address and Ofsted registration number (not the Registered Person “RP” number), SFX’s details including contact name, email address and phone number, details of any costs for additional travel you may wish to claim, the name, address, email address and contact details of your support worker (if you have one), and immigration status if not a British or Irish citizen. If you don’t have all the information to hand to complete the application you can partially complete it and save it. You will need to read and agree to the privacy notice and declaration before you submit the application.
- Your childcare provider is paid from the beginning of your course if you apply either before your course starts or within 28 days of starting your course.
- If you apply after that, your childcare provider will only be paid from the beginning of the week that your application was received.

You need to make a new application for each year you claim.

After you have applied

- You must give the **Bursary Officer at SFX** either a copy of the child’s birth certificate or a letter confirming receipt of Child Benefit for that child.
- Your childcare provider will only be paid after you’ve provided this and you have been assessed as eligible.

Further information

- Contact the Student Bursary Support Service if you need advice or help on **0800 121 8989**. Calls to the student helpline are free from a landline but there is a charge from a mobile. You can request a call back to minimise the cost.

If you qualify

- You’ll get a payment plan via the online portal telling you what financial help you can get.
- Your childcare provider will also get the payment plan, to let them know when they will be paid.
- If you are eligible for travel costs, SFX will be told about payments for this.

If your circumstances change

- You must report any change to your circumstances to your personal details including immigration status, childcare provider, hours of childcare, childcare fees, travel costs, course, learning programme, or study hours by logging into your existing account and updating your online application found at <https://studentbursary.education.gov.uk/w/webpage/student-bursary>.

Benefits

- If a young parent is receiving Child Tax Credits, any childcare hours being requested for C2L payments must not already be being funded from Child Tax Credits.