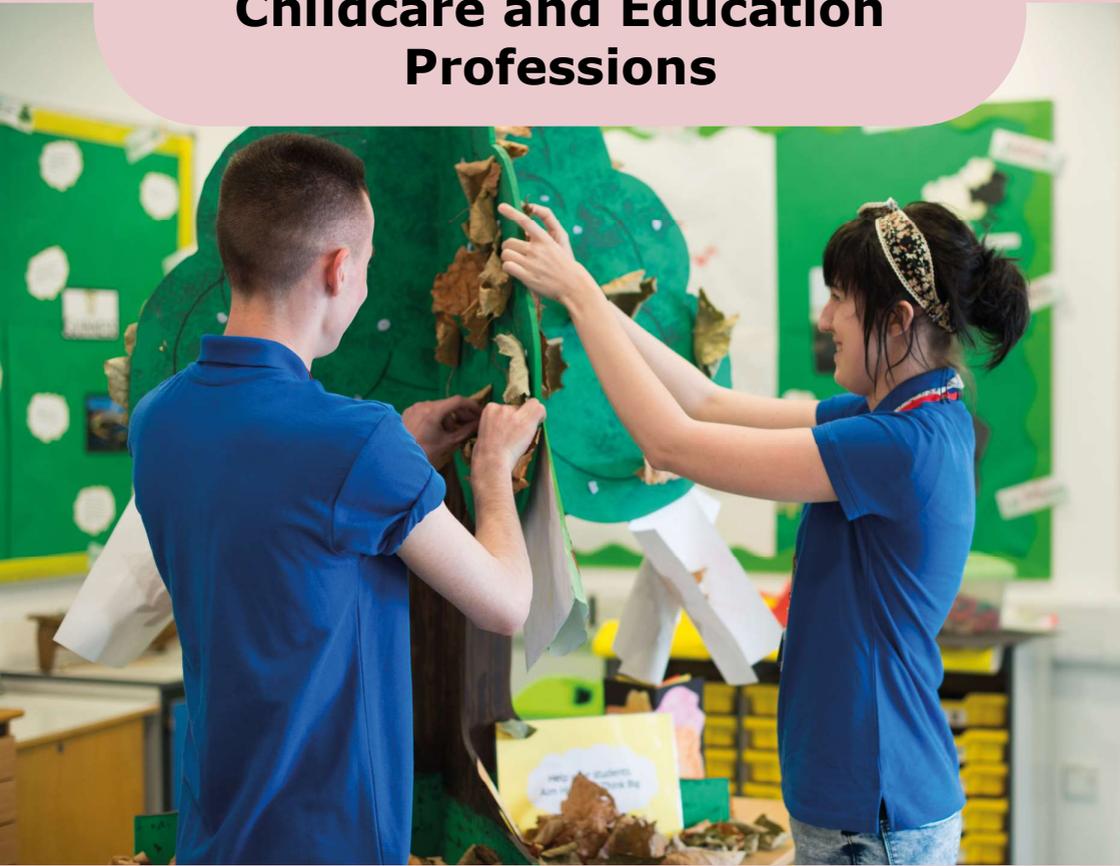


Additional
Learning
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Careers in Childcare and Education Professions



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Welcome to Barnsley College



Old Mill Lane site

Welcome to the Additional Learning Support Guide for Childcare and Education Professionals.

Moving to college is an exciting but worrying time for everyone. We hope our guide will help ease any worries and give you assurance before you start your course in Childcare and you enjoy yourself whilst at Barnsley College.



Student Services can be found on the ground floor.



Atrium

At Barnsley College, we care about you. We want to give you the knowledge, skills and experience that will help you to progress to the next stage in your career, whether that's university, an apprenticeship or employment. We pride ourselves on transforming lives.

You will be taught by experienced Childcare professionals and will be given the opportunities to gain work experience within local Nurseries and Childcare settings to provide the best foundations to build your future.

Getting up to Childcare and Education



Old Mill Lane Reception

The Old Mill Lane site is a short walk up from Barnsley Interchange. You will be greeted by a busy Reception as you come in from Church Street. A quieter entrance is the Urban Park entrance on the lower ground floor.

From September, all students will use the Urban Park entrance on the lower ground floor. This is easily accessible and is a short walk from the Church Street entrance.

The Childcare Department is located on the second floor. You will need to scan your student ID badge to get access through the barriers. Your student ID badge will be given to you during enrolment. While in college you **must** wear your student ID badge at all times.



There are signs on every floor to help you find your way and lifts to each floor.



Old Mill Lane Entrance



Urban Park Entrance

Expectations For the Classroom



The Childcare and Education Department has high expectations for all of it's learners. For every session they will expect you to:

- Wear your student ID badge at all times
- Arrive on time to every lesson
- Treat everyone with respect
- Be ready to learn

If your household income is less than £35,000, the Learning Support Fund could help. You can pick up an application form from Student Services.

Expectations on Placement

Whilst on placement the Childcare Department will expect you to:

- Wear your uniform
- Arrive on time
- Take your placement booklet
- Tie back long hair, if necessary
- Remove false nails
- Be professional

Placements



placement uniform

Concessionary Travel Pass

Concessionary travel passes are available to young people aged between 16-18 living in South Yorkshire and are valid for two years so there's no need to reapply each year.

visit
 www.travelsouthyorkshire.com
for more information

For your Childcare or Early Years Education course you will be put on placement at an appropriate Childcare setting. It will form a major part of your study.

The placement will be every other week alternating between weeks being college based and your placement. You will be expected to travel to and from your placement which may involve travelling on two buses. You must attend everyday.

During your placement a qualified assessor will judge your knowledge and understanding at your placement.

As you will be working with children during placement, you **must** have a current DBS Enhanced Disclosure Certificate that costs approximately £60.

On placement you must wear your uniform, which is:

- A blue Barnsley College polo shirt
- Smart trousers
- Smart black shoes.

Further information on the uniform and placements will be shared with you during your interview.

Different Learning Environments in **Childcare and Education**

Classroom

All the classrooms you will be taught in will be on the same corridor on the second floor.

In lessons you will develop your skills and understanding to use during your next placement week.



Student Profile

Louis Shakespeare
Level 2 Childcare

"I like the craft activities we do in class but the placement is the best part of my course because I get to work with children doing activities."

Simulated Nursery



Student Profile

Abbie Newton
Level 3 Childcare

“Support has helped me in lessons because they explain in more detail what I need to do. I like that Childcare is all on one level, so I know where to go for my lessons.”



Student Profile

Erica Hopkinson
Level 3 Childcare

“I am enjoying my course and my placement. I appreciate the support I get from my support worker and teachers.”



Theory Lessons



During your College weeks you will have theory lessons, where you will gain the knowledge and theory to help you to complete your assignments.

Practical skills will also form part of these lessons allowing you to develop the skills needed for the following week at your placement.

You will be assessed through an assignment for each module.

Do I need to do English and Maths?

If you have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths. You will not have to do them at college.

If you have a GCSE in English and Maths below a grade D/3 you will need to attend two GCSE Maths and/or two GCSE English lessons each week. These will be on your timetable. If you are working below this level you can do functional skills instead.

If you have an EHCP it may be possible to exempt you from English and Maths. You can speak to your tutor or ALS about this.





"I have settled into college life well. The tutors are nice and I have made friends. I particularly enjoy the various tasks I do as part of my course. I am aiming to progress to a Level 2 course when I complete my current course."

Bradley Charlesworth

Level 1 Childcare

Former Horizon Community College pupil

Before you start college

Application



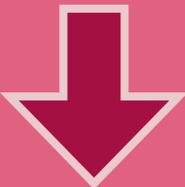
You can apply for your course at  www.barnsley.ac.uk/childcare or by using the application form at the back of the course guide. Your school may help you fill your application form in.

Assessment



The ALS team will invite you for an initial assessment to discuss your support needs before you start college. This is before your course interview if you have an EHCP.

Interview



After you apply for your course in Childcare, you will be invited into college for an interview with one of our tutors.

At your interview you will find out more about the course and information on uniform for placements. You will need to successfully pass a DBS check to be able to enrol on the course.

After the interview, you will either be offered a place on the Childcare or Education course or referred to a more appropriate course.

The Childcare and Education Department will invite you in for an afternoon taster session so that you can get an idea of what you will be doing when you start in September.

Enrolment

You will be sent an invitation and enrolment pack will be sent out to you at the beginning of August 2018 giving you all the information you will need to enrol onto your study programme at the end of August 2018.

When you come to enrol you will have your photo taken for your student ID badge and will be told when your first day at college will be.

For more information contact our Admission team on  **+44 (0)1226 216 106** or  **interviews@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Support

If you have an EHCP, Additional Learning Support (ALS) will put support in place to help you during your lessons. Both support workers and your tutors will know your support needs and will help you achieve. Our support will depend on your needs and will be discussed during your initial assessment. If you do not have an EHCP, your support will be provided by the Childcare and Education team.



How do I get Support?

1. When you fill in the application form or you apply online at www.barnsley.ac.uk/childcare. You will be asked if you have a learning disability/difficulties. If you have your information will be sent to ALS.
2. When you declare a learning need ALS will contact you to organise an initial assessment.
3. The initial assessment is where you meet one of the ALS coordinators, who will discuss your learning needs and how to best support you while in college. A support plan highlighting the support that will be provided to you, will be produced.
4. This will be passed onto the Childcare and Educational Department. We will also send you a copy home.

What to expect during your first week

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In Childcare and Education, your first two weeks will be induction. You will be expected to attend all the sessions. During induction:

- You will be shown around college allowing you to become familiar with the college and shown the different services that are available
- You will have lessons where you will meet your group allowing you to make new friendships and meet your tutors
- You will complete your DBS check
- You will be given your timetable
- You will be introduced to key people such as the Safeguarding Representative and the Tutorial Learning Mentor (TLM)



During induction Support workers will be in the sessions to provide support. Support will settle down once timetables have been finalised.

Do you have an EHCP?

Each academic year you will have an annual review of your EHCP which takes place at college. There will be yourself and family members/advocate, TIAG, staff from the college and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. We will also review your EHCP to see if anything needs updating. The meeting can take anything from 1-2 hours.



Are You a Looked After Child?

You will have a meeting three times a year at College, which is called a Personal Education Plan meeting (PEP). There will be yourself and carers/advocate, TIAG, staff from the College and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. The meeting lasts approximately an hour.

Every looked after child on College roll is entitled to claim the guaranteed bursary which is a payment of £1200 pro rata across the academic year. The purpose of the guaranteed bursary is to facilitate access to education and provide financial support towards such things as travel, food, equipment and kit.

Application for the guaranteed bursary is made through completion and submission of an internal application form into Student Services.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is about doing everything we can to make sure you and everyone in college are kept safe and protected from harm.

At Barnsley College we pride ourselves on going above and beyond to make college a safe, happy and thriving environment for all. It is important to us that anyone coming into college is treated with respect and dignity and feel safe and listened to.



Reporting a safeguarding concern.

If you feel unsafe, you can contact our team on ☎ **+44(0)1226 216 142** or ✉ **safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Or you can talk to the Childcare's Safeguarding Representative if you are concerned about your welfare or someone else's. They will be introduced during Induction.

Tutorials

At Barnsley College all learners will have a detailed tutorial programme looking into a range of themes such as bullying, healthy relationships, mental health, radicalisation and cyber safety.

You will also have one to one meetings with the Tutorial Learning Mentor throughout the year to review your progress.

Learning Curve



The Learning Curve is the college's library which can be found on the ground floor and first floor of the Old Mill Lane site. It is an independent study area and has IT facilities on both floors for you to use. The Learning Curve has a quiet work space on the first floor.

IT Suite

On the second floor opposite the Childcare corridor and on the third floor, there are computers and a small breakout area which you can use between lessons.

You will be given your own log on to access the computer. There are printing facilities close by for you to print your work. There is a charge for printing and photocopying.



Social Areas

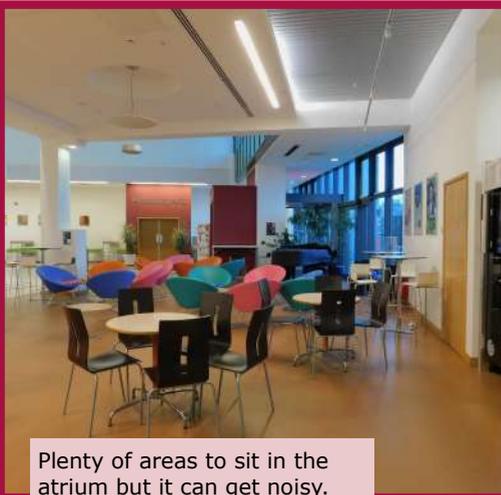
At the Old Mill Lane site there are lots of areas for you to sit and meet with your friends as well as quieter areas for you to go when you need some quiet time.



Urban Park to sit outside



Quiet Pod above the atrium at Old Mill Lane



Plenty of areas to sit in the atrium but it can get noisy.



Students' Union has a range of activities for you to take part in.

Along with the IT suites on floors 2 and 3. There is a small breakout area where you can sit between lessons.

Places to eat



The atrium offers a range of hot and cold food



Cookie Crumbs Café



Crumbs Café



Starbucks Café

Free Meals

If you are aged between 16-18 and have a household income of less than £20,000 per year you may be eligible for free meals at college, please apply to the Learning Support Fund.

College Services



On the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site we have a number of services which you can use. These are:

- Student Services
- Information Unit
- Wellbeing Centre

Health and Wellbeing Centre



Our award-winning Wellbeing Centre is available to everyone and offers confidential advice and a range of health services. We have a dedicated team of people including NHS nurses who will provide advice on counselling, Mental Health Access Team, diet and nutrition advice, contraception and sexual health services, smoking, drugs and alcohol support.

They also hold events across college throughout the year to raise awareness of health issues and update you about the services they offer.

You can speak to someone in confidence by contacting the Health and Wellbeing Team on ☎ **+44(0)1226 216 233**.

College Services

Information Unit



Please contact our friendly information team for more information on the Childcare courses or any other course you are interested in.
☎ +44(0)1226 216 123.

Student Union



You will find the Student Union in the atrium on the lower ground floor at the Old Mill Lane campus. The Union runs lots of activities, societies and a volunteering scheme.



Student Services



Student Services is on the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site. They will be able to help you with financial support through the Learning Support Fund, information on the free college bus services and the concessionary travel pass.

Did you know?

You don't have to carry cash on you.

You can load money onto your student ID and pay for food, drink and other items available at the college through our Way2Pay cashless system. For more information visit:

 www.barnsley.ac.uk/way2pay

Learning Support Fund

If your household income is less than £35,000*, you could be eligible for financial support from the Learning Support Fund.

You can pick up an application form from Student Services.

Contact the Student Services Team:

☎ +44(0)1226 216 267 / +44(0)1226 216 114 or
✉ studentsupport@barnsley.ac.uk

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