

10 steps towards a child-friendly campus

1 Identifying student parents

HEIs collect data on students' family circumstance before registration and provide to departments, student support and students' union.

2 Accessible information

A dedicated page on the university and union websites for student parents, providing clear information on support, representation and facilities.

3 Identifying specific needs

HEIs should take account of specific caring responsibilities of student parents and dispel the problematic position of treating all students the same.

4 Differential treatment

Family life should be taken into account when developing timetables and attendance monitoring. Timetables should be provided well in advance. Unions should provide support during holidays and reading weeks.

5 Representation

Establish a representation system that links together departments, students support, students' union and university management that ensures the interests of student parents are discussed and dealt with.

10 A community campus

Universities should be public spaces at the centre of their communities.

9 Finance

Extend existing bursaries. Provide childcare vouchers/subsidies. Reimburse costs when lectures are cancelled. Provide tailored financial advice.

8 Childcare

Affordable childcare provided on campus or through partnerships with local providers. Uni-run childcare should be expanded and offered to local community.

7 Accommodation

HEIs to provide affordable family accommodation on campus, or work with local authority and landlords to provide suitable alternatives in local community.

6 Child-friendly space

Establish child-friendly areas in union and university run buildings and a programme of family activities. Breastfeeding and baby-changing facilities provided on campus.



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