

# Guide to support for student parents: University Edition

This is a guide to the support currently provided by universities in Scotland. It can be used by prospective students to assess which institution has the support they require, by students' associations to focus their campaigning and by institutions themselves to benchmark against other institutions.

For more information on how we collated this information, please see the main report.

## Key

Institution does have this	✓
Could not verify information	?
Institution does not have this	✗

### Data

This aspect assess whether institutions collect information on how many students have children.

### Policies

Examples of policies could include specifically for students with children, student pregnancy and family leave.

### Information online

This could include information about childcare, funding, extra support or support groups.

### On campus nursery

For this aspect we assessed whether there is an institution-run nursery on campus or one of the campuses.

### Partnership with local nursery

Partnerships go beyond informal links with local childcare providers. To have this there must be an official partnership agreement between the institution and the nursery.

### Family accommodation

Accommodation suitable for more than one person and specifically for families.

### Breast feeding/child friendly areas

We looked for areas that were specifically designated for breast feeding and children.

### Maternity leave allowance

Student should be able to choose the length of their own leave period with the support from the institution.

## University of Aberdeen

Website: [www.abdn.ac.uk](http://www.abdn.ac.uk)

Collects data	✗	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	✗	Family accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✗
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** Aberdeen University don't have a partnership with a local nursery, but has a page on where to find them. They offer maternity leave allowance for research students, others not found.

## Abertay University

Website: [www.abertay.ac.uk/](http://www.abertay.ac.uk/)

Collects data	✗	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	✗	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✗
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** Abertay University do have information for student parents in their pre-arrival pack, but this is not available on their webpages.

## University of Dundee

Website: [www.dundee.ac.uk/](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/)

Collects data	?	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	✗	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✗
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** University of Dundee don't have a partnership with a local nursery, but has a page on where to find these. They offer maternity leave allowance for research students, others not found.

## University of Edinburgh

Website: [www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)

Collects data	✗	Partnership with local nursery	✗
Policies on student parents	✓	Family Accommodation	✓
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	✓

**Other:** The university has an official student maternity policy and housing for couples and families. There is a dedicated webpage for student parents on the EUSA website and a fridge for breastmilk in EUSA Potterrow building.

## Edinburgh Napier University

Website: [www.napier.ac.uk/](http://www.napier.ac.uk/)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	?
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	?
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** In the last academic year, 12.7% of students at Napier had children.

## University of Glasgow

Website: [www.gla.ac.uk](http://www.gla.ac.uk)

Collects data	?	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	✓	Family Accommodation	✓
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✗
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	✓

**Other:** The university has an official student maternity policy, a dedicated webpage for student parents and carers, and family housing for couples and families.

## Glasgow Caledonian University

Website: [www.gcu.ac.uk/](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✗
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** GCU don't have a partnership with a local nursery, but has a page on where to find them.

## Glasgow School of Art

Website: [www.gsa.ac.uk/](http://www.gsa.ac.uk/)

Collects data	?	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	✓	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	✓

**Other:** The institution provides maternity related absence, and offers quiet rooms for families – these are not widely publicised.

## Heriot Watt University

Website: [www.hw.ac.uk](http://www.hw.ac.uk)

Collects data	✗	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✗
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	✗

**Other:** Heriot Watt doesn't provide family accommodation, but directs students to advisors who are able to assist on Scottish borders campus.

## University of the Highlands and Islands

Website: [www.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.uhi.ac.uk)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	✓
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	?
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** In the last academic year over 7,700 UHI students had children. There are campuses at most campuses and an official nursery partnership at the Orkney campus.

## Queen Margaret University

Website: [www.qmu.ac.uk](http://www.qmu.ac.uk)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	✗
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** In the last academic year, 5% of QMU students had children.

## Robert Gordon University

Website: [www.rgu.ac.uk/](http://www.rgu.ac.uk/)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	✗
Policies on student parents	✓	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** In the last academic year, 19% of RGU students had children.

## Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

Website: <https://www.rcs.ac.uk>

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** In the last academic year, 1.7% of RCS students had children. There are child changing areas on the campus.

## Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

Website: [www.sruc.ac.uk](http://www.sruc.ac.uk)

Collects data	?	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	?	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	?
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** There is a nursery on the shared University of Edinburgh campus, but not in partnership with the institution.

## St. Andrews University

Website: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/)

Collects data	?	Partnership with local nursery	✓
Policies on student parents	✓	Family Accommodation	✓
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	?
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	✓

**Other:** St Andrew's offer maternity leave for PHD students, and offer discount rates at two local nurseries.

## University of Stirling

Website: [www.stir.ac.uk](http://www.stir.ac.uk)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	✓
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	✓
Information for student parents online	?	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** In the last academic year, 10.9% of students at Stirling had children. The university also has various accommodation for couples and families.

## University of Strathclyde

Website: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	✓	Family Accommodation	✗
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✓	Maternity leave allowance	✓

**Other:** In the last academic year, 7.8% of Strathclyde students had children. Strathclyde has official student maternity guidance.

## University of the West of Scotland

Website: [www.uws.ac.uk](http://www.uws.ac.uk)

Collects data	✓	Partnership with local nursery	?
Policies on student parents	?	Family Accommodation	?
Information for student parents online	✓	Breast feeding/child friendly areas	✓
On campus nursery	✗	Maternity leave allowance	?

**Other:** In the last academic year, 22% of UWS students had children.