

**Financial Assistance Childcare Payment Schedule 2025/2026** – please note that these payments are 'expected' dates only and 'actual' payment dates will vary dependent on the application submission date and register data being completed by the expected payment date.

The application process can take up to 20 days from the date of submission but due to high volumes at the beginning of the term, this period may be extended. Where possible, we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum.

### Reporting an Absence

- Where students are absent due to sickness, this **must** be reported via the Absence Line ([absence.reporting@dncolleges.ac.uk](mailto:absence.reporting@dncolleges.ac.uk)) on the day of the absence (this must be done for every day the student is absent due to sickness).
- Where students have appointments such as doctors/dentist etc. Authorised Absence forms **must** be completed, submitted, and recorded on the students register prior to the absence occurring. Where a student has their payment stopped, sickness and authorised absence marks will not be considered/reviewed where the marks are amended after the attendance check has taken place. The stoppage will stand and there will be no recourse for appeal.

Month of Study	Period Covered	Expected Payment Date
September	01/09/2025 - 26/09/2025	06/10/2025
October	29/09/2025 - 24/10/2025	03/11/2025
November	27/10/2025 - 21/11/2025	01/12/2025
December	24/11/2025 - 19/12/2025	05/01/2026
January	22/12/2025 - 16/01/2026	26/01/2026
February	19/01/2026 - 13/02/2026	23/02/2026
March	16/02/2026 - 13/03/2026	23/03/2026
April	16/03/2026 - 10/04/2026	20/04/2026
May	13/04/2026 - 08/05/2026	18/05/2026
June	11/05/2026 - 05/06/2026	15/06/2026
July	08/06/2026 - 03/07/2026	13/07/2026