

Fostering Allowances for Looked After Children

Effective from 1st April 2019

Basic Allowances (weekly rates)

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Maintenance</u> * £	<u>Clothing</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
0 - 2	106.00	23.00	129.00
3 - 4	109.00	23.00	132.00
5 - 10	116.00	30.00	146.00
11 - 15	131.00	36.00	167.00
16 - 17	146.00	48.00	194.00

Skills Payment Scheme

The weekly rates for Skills Payments are as follows:

Skills Level	1 Child Placed £	Each Additional Child £
1	53.00	26.50
2	136.00	68.00
3	256.00	128.00

Clothing

The Children's Services Director has discretion to make additional payments for initial clothing requirements upon entry into care.

School Outfits

The Children's Services Director has discretion to make available to foster carers an allowance towards the purchase of a school outfit for a child entering primary school £75, and transferring from a primary school to a secondary school £250.

Birthday Gifts

An annual allowance for a birthday gift will be made equalling the full weekly amount of Basic Allowance payable in respect of the age groups.

Christmas Gifts

An annual allowance for a Christmas gift will be made equal to 2 weeks full weekly amount of Basic Allowance payable in respect of the age group.

Holiday Grants

<u>AGE</u>	<u>£</u>
0 - 4	174.00
5 - 10	217.00
11 - 15	273.00
16 - 17	326.00

Note: Annual Holiday Grants are not included in the weekly payment but for permanent placements, will be paid automatically in May.