

Fostering Allowance and Skills Payments



We believe in treating our carers as childcare professionals, valuing their skills and paying them accordingly. Payments are divided into two parts:

- An allowance to cover the daily cost of looking after a child or young person. This is intended to cover the costs of things such as food, clothing, and everyday living expenses.
- A payment that recognises your skills, knowledge and hard work as a foster carer

The scheme allows you to progress through higher fee levels as your experience and personal development as a carer grows.

Allowances

Weekly fostering allowance payment per child based on age:

Ages	Maintenance* £	Clothing £	Total* £
0 – 2	£145.00	£31.00	£176.00
3 – 4	£151.00	£31.00	£182.00
5 – 10	£162.00	£39.00	£201.00
11 – 15	£180.00	£47.00	£227.00
16 – 17	£204.00	£63.00	£267.00

Skills Payments and Enhancements

The weekly rates for Skills Payments / Enhancements:

Skills Level	1 Child Placed £	Each Additional Child £
1	£71-00	£71-00
2	£188-00	£188-00
Enhancement	£350-00	£350-00