

Fostering finance

Fostering Allowances and Fees

An allowance is paid in respect of each child cared for by a foster carer. The allowance is intended to cover the cost of caring for the child including a proportion of the carers' household costs. Allowances are paid fortnightly in advance.

Fees are paid to foster carers who have reached the relevant skill levels and are paid per carer per week.

Level 1 Carers

Will be paid the basic fostering allowance. The allowance is paid per week per child.

Age	Allowances
0 – 4 years	£127.59
5-10 years	£145.34
11-15 years	£180.93
16+ years	£220.05

For example if you have a 4 year old and a 7 year old in placement you will receive £272.93 per week.

Level 2 Carers

Will be paid the basic fostering allowance plus a fee of £155 if they have 1 or 2 children in placement and £180 if they have 3 or more children in placement.

For example, if you have a 4 year old and a 7 year old in placement you will receive £427.93. If the children's baby brother is then placed with you, you will receive £580.52 per week.

Level 3 Carers

This group will be paid the basic fostering allowance plus a weekly fee of £230 for 1 or 2 children and £255 for 3 or more children.

For example, if you have a 4 year old and a 7 year old in placement you will receive £502.93. If the children's baby brother is then placed with you, you will receive £655.52 per week.

Level 4 Carers

Will be paid the basic fostering allowance enhanced by 50% to recognise the complex needs of the young people who will be placed. In addition they will receive a weekly fee of £305.

The allowance per week per child is:

Age	Allowances
0 – 4 years	£191.38
5-10 years	£218.00
11-15 years	£271.39
16+ years	£330.07