

FOSTERING FOCUS FEE PAID SCHEME

The fee of £305.00, plus the basic allowance, is payable to foster carers who were approved to be Fostering Focus carers. It is recommended that this rate should remain unchanged as the scheme is being phased out.

SPECIALIST FOSTER CARERS

An allowance of £162.00, plus the basic allowance, is payable to foster carers who are approved for special placements. It is recommended that this rate should remain unchanged as the scheme is being phased out.

DISCRETIONARY ALLOWANCES

In addition to the basic allowances referred to above, certain other allowances are payable, and it is proposed that these also remain the same as these allowances ensure all children coming into care have adequate clothing. It is a one off payment only for those newly entering the care system.

1) **Initial clothing**

Senior Managers have discretion to make allowances up to the following amounts:

0 - 7 years	£440.00
8 - 10 years	£445.00
11 - 12 years	£585.00
13 - 17 years	£695.00

2) **School outfits, tools and protective clothing**

Senior Managers have authority to make available to foster carers an allowance of up to £263.00, to assist towards the purchase of a school uniform for a child entering school or transferring to a school where a different uniform is required or to assist a young person taking up employment. This will remain unchanged for 2020/21.