

FOSTER CARER ALLOWANCES

The current and recommended Basic Allowances as per National Government Minimum Rates:

All Carers receive the following: -

Age Group	Current Scales	Recommended
	Weekly Allowance	Weekly Allowance
0 – 4	£159.00	£170.00
5 – 10	£175.00	£187.00
11 – 15	£199.00	£213.00
16 – 17	£233.00	£249.00

Holiday, Birthday and Religious Festival Allowances

Age Group	Holiday Recommended	Birthday Recommended	Religious Festival Recommended
0 – 4	£425.00	£170.00	£170.00
5 – 10	£467.50	£187.00	£187.00
11 – 15	£532.50	£213.00	£213.00
16 – 17	£622.50	£249.00	£249.00

ENHANCEMENTS

In addition, the county council pays other fees and payments as detailed below:

- Foster Carer Fee, an age-related fee with different fees for age banded groups 0-10 and 11-17.
- Fee Plus, a wide structure of additional fees set out under two distinct categories.
- Contributions to the service, at specified rates depending upon a number of specific roles.
- Payments for Long Service Award.
- Payments for sibling group placements.
- Long Service Anniversary Awards.
- Day care.
- Parent and child arrangements.

These payments are uplifted each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.