

FOSTERING ALLOWANCES AND FEES

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**Derbyshire County Council Children's Services
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Please refer to the Foster Carers Allowances and Fees Guide for full details and eligibility of each allowance.

WEEKLY / DAY ALLOWANCES

Weekly Fostering Allowance (WFA) per child		
Age	Weekly Allowance	Automatic
0-4	£179.20	
5-10	£198.57	
11-15	£226.69	
16+	£265.37	

Recommended Pocket Money and Savings per child (from the Household element of WFA)		
Age	Savings	Pocket Money
2-4	£2	£1
5-10	£2	£2
11-12	£4	£2
13-15	£6.50	£3
16+	£9	£4

Short Break Allowance per child			
Age	Day Allowance	Weekly Allowance (pro-rata for length of stay/ number of days care provided)	Automatic
0-4	£25.60	£268.80	
5-10	£28.37	£297.89	
11-15	£32.38	£339.99	
16+	£37.91	£398.06	

Link Care Allowance per child					
Age	Daily Fostering Allowance	Daily DLA Element	Day Allowance	Weekly Allowance (pro-rata for length of stay/ number of days care provided)	Automatic
0-4	£25.60	£14.54	£40.14	£421.47	
5-10	£28.37	£14.54	£42.91	£450.56	
11-15	£32.38	£14.54	£46.92	£492.66	
16+	£37.91	£14.54	£52.45	£550.73	

Link Care Allowance (Additional Health Needs) per child					
Age	Link Care Day Allowance	Daily Additional Health Needs Allowance	Day Allowance	Weekly Allowance (pro-rata for length of stay/ number of days care provided)	Automatic
0-4	£40.14	£10.00	£50.14	£526.47	
5-10	£42.91	£10.00	£52.91	£555.56	
11-15	£46.92	£10.00	£56.92	£597.66	
16+	£52.45	£10.00	£62.45	£655.73	

Support Care Allowance per child					
Age	Daily Fostering Allowance	Minus Daily Clothing Element	Day Allowance	Weekly Allowance (pro-rata for length of stay/ number of days care provided)	Automatic
0-4	£25.60	-£3.84	£21.76	£228.48	
5-10	£28.37	-£4.26	£24.11	£253.16	
11-15	£32.38	-£4.86	£27.52	£288.96	
16+	£37.91	-£5.69	£32.22	£338.31	

REGULAR ANNUAL ALLOWANCES

Birthday Allowance per child		
AGE	Allowance	Automatic
0-4	£179.20	
5-10	£198.57	
11-15	£226.69	
16+	£265.37	
18th birthday allowance	£530.74	

Festivals Allowance per child		
AGE	Allowance	Automatic
0-4	£179.20	
5-10	£198.57	
11-15	£226.69	
16+	£265.37	

ADDITIONAL ANNUAL ALLOWANCES

Annual Clothing Allowance per child		
AGE	Allowance	Online Annual Clothing Allowance Claim Form
0-4	£179.20	
5-10	£198.57	
11-15	£226.69	
16+	£265.37	

Annual Holiday Allowance per child			
AGE	Per week (3 weeks per year)	Max per year	Online Annual Holiday Allowance Claim Form
0-4	£179.20	£537.60	
5-10	£198.57	£595.71	
11-15	£226.69	£680.07	
16+	£265.37	£796.11	

OTHER ALLOWANCES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For details on Fostering Equipment Grants and Special Allowances, please refer to the Fostering Allowances and Fees Guide or speak to your Supervising Social Worker.

Start-up Support Allowance per child	
Up to £200	Claim Form via Social Worker

Uniform Allowance per child		
Primary	£140	Online Uniform Allowance Claim Form
Secondary/post 16 (education/training)	£290	

Mileage Allowance (aligned with HMRC rates)		
Up to 10,000	45p per mile	Online Mileage Allowance Claim Form
10,000+ miles	25p per mile	

Out-of-Hours Allowance per child	
£100	Automatic

Monthly Computer Allowance	
£10	Automatic

IT Grants (every four years per household)	
£350 (Disability £400)	Claim Form via Social Worker

Special Allowance – Prom night (per child)	
£100	Online Special Allowance Claim Form

Hospitality Allowance	
£50	Claimed via Social Worker

Training / Marketing Allowances		
Marketing Events	£20 Voucher	Claimed via Social Worker
Training	£15 per hour	

Recommend a Friend 'Recruitment' (per child placed)	
£1,000	Claimed via Social Worker

Mentoring Scheme (per arrangement)	
£100	Claimed via Social Worker

PROFESSIONAL FEES

Professional Fee per week, per child		
Foundation	n/a	Automatic
Band A	£80	
Band B	£130	
Band C	£180	
Band D	£230	

Retention Fee (per week, up to 12 weeks)		
Foundation	n/a	Automatic
Band A	£40	
Band B	£65	
Band C	£90	
Band D	£115	

CONTRACT CARE RATES

Contract Fees + DLA per week		
Contract Care Fee	£544.93	Automatic
Enhanced Contract Care Fee	£762.90	
DLA	£101.75	