

## Appendix A. SGO Policy – Summary of Financial Support

Calderdale’s financial offer is in place to ensure there is a fair and transparent offer for all that are caring for children under Special Guardianship.

The table below details the financial support package for Special Guardians, dependant on the circumstances prior to the Special Guardianship Order being granted.

Any request for financial support for an SGO household outside of the Financial Support offered in Appendix A should follow the process as outlined within Section 8 of the Calderdale SGO policy.

<b>Financial Support</b>	<b>Foster Carers including IFA foster carer with Calderdale CLA</b>	<b>Non-Foster Carers with CLA</b>	<b>Private applications/non-CLA</b>
Up to £500 per household for legal advice	Yes	Yes	Considered
Carers can apply for child benefit post-SGO	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eligible for financial assessment relating to SGO allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes
SGO allowance based on National Maintenance Allowance	Yes	Yes*	Yes*
SGO allowance equivalent to Fostering Allowance and Fostering Skills Payment (refer to Fostering Payment Policy)	Yes	No	No
Birthday, Holiday and Festival allowance	No	No	No
Travelling expenses for contact	No	No	No

\*requires financial assessment to be completed for means tested financial support.