**Wirral Children’s services Staying Put Financial arrangements 2024/25**

The Wirral Staying Put financial arrangements are:

Former foster carers will receive their current fostering Band: -

1 **£61.31**

2 **£91.92**

3 **£153.22**

Plus, the Food allowance- **£74.70**

Household allowance- **£44.82**

These figures are based on National Foster care rates and are increased every April. (Figures in this example are from April 2024).

If young person can claim Housing Benefit this should be applied for and will be deducted from the weekly figure paid by social services.

It is expected that the young person contributes to their “Living Arrangement”- if they are unemployed or in education, they should pay £8.70 per week directly to the householder (This will be deducted from the weekly figure paid by Social Services).

If the young person is in Employment: - We disregard the first £50 of their earnings, then they contribute 50% of whatever remains up to a maximum of £50 per week. (This will be deducted from the weekly figure paid by Social Services.

Young people on Staying Put are expected to pay for their own personal hygiene items/clothing and travel.

Wirral Leaving Care team will continue to provide Birthday allowances and Festival allowances.

**Example**

Householder is on Band 2 and the young person attends full time college: -

Band 2- **£91.92**

Household- **£44.82**

Food Allowance- **£74.70** = **£ 211.44Per Week**

Minus Housing Benefit Payment **£ 86.30** and young person’s contribution **£8.70** per week. Householder would Receive **£ 116.44** weekly from social services for this Staying Put Arrangement. The remainder being paid via Housing benefit and young person.