



Mainstream Foster Care Allowances

2026 - 2027

| Age Group | Maintenance allowance* (Weekly, per child) | Carers Fees** (Weekly, per child) | Birthday Grant (Annually) | Holiday Grants (Annually) | Festive Grants (Annually) |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 0 to 1 years | £176.00 | £157.33 | £211.77 | £423.39 | £211.77 |
| 2 to 3 years | £182.00 | £157.33 | £218.19 | £436.22 | £218.19 |
| 4 to 10 years | £201.00 | £151.18 | £240.01 | £479.84 | £240.01 |
| 11 to 15 years | £227.00 | £187.62 | £273.38 | £546.55 | £273.38 |
| 16 to 18 Years | £267.00 | £201.48 | £319.58 | £638.93 | £319.58 |

* Maintenance allowance is for the day-to-day expenses of caring for a child: food, washing, contribution to bills, etc., and includes an allowance for pocket money, leisure and clothing.

** Carers fee is a foster carers weekly professional fee

- ✓ Other allowances are available to carers including mileage & transport costs; plus you will receive access to multiple discount cards including Blue Light card; My Max card and The Company Shop.
- ✓ Being a foster carer is a self-employed role, with generous tax benefits so you may pay little or no tax in any one year.