

# Mainstream Foster Care Allowances

2025 - 2026

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	£170.00	£152.16	£204.73	£409.46	£204.73
2 to 3 years	£176.00	£152.16	£210.94	£421.88	£210.94
4 to 10 years	£194.00	£146.20	£232.03	£464.06	£232.03
11 to 15 years	£220.00	£181.45	£264.29	£528.58	£264.29
16 to 18 Years	£258.00	£194.85	£308.96	£617.92	£308.96

\* 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.