

Finance Policy for children seeing their families

RMBC supervises children and young people seeing their families. This can happen in a range of settings including the designated venue for children seeing their families as well as out in the community undertaking activities.

RMBC seeks to make the arrangements for children seeing their family as positive as possible and is committed to the following principles:

- Maintaining relationships with family is really important for children as they grow and develop into adulthood.
- RMBC will do what it can to make sure children maintain links with their families in ways the ground children in their heritage as well as keep them safe and where they feel secure in their relationships.
- Quality time is less about spending money but more about spending time with each other
- RMBC will make sure any arrangement is realistic and would be a typical activity for that family.
- RMBC will make every effort to support families seeing their children and make arrangements as positive as possible.
- RMBC seeks to make any offer to support children and young people seeing their family consistent in that all children and young people have access to the same opportunities.

Transport costs to and from venue where parents are seeing their children

Bus/Train Fare	<p>Where agreed this will be a return ticket from home to the venue where parents are seeing their child.</p> <p>Ticket will need to be seen and the date and time stamped on the ticket will need to be consistent with the date and time of the session with the child.</p> <p>Reimbursement from the Cranworth Centre</p>
Mileage/Petrol	<p>Where agreed this will be at the rate of 15p per mile.</p> <p>Assessment of miles will be undertaken by the social worker and will be paid at the miles for the shortest route possible from parents home to venue where parents are seeing their children</p> <p>VAT receipt for petrol will be required</p> <p>Reimbursement via social worker and BACS</p>
Taxi Costs	<p>This would not be paid for unless significant evidence was provided to the social worker as to why all other avenues of public transport were not appropriate.</p> <p>Lateness or expediency are not reasons for supporting families take taxis to contact</p>

Activities undertaken within the Cranworth Centre or in another venue for children seeing their families.

Preparing and eating food together	<p>Cranworth Centre and FAB Team do not provide food and refreshments for the time children spend with their families</p> <p>FAB Team would advise healthy snacks.</p> <p>Limited Kitchen facilities are available to support food preparation</p> <p>Social worker with family and carer to agree and inform FAB Team of the agreement</p> <p>Family and carers can communicate plans via the communication book.</p> <p>.</p>
Activities within Venues	<p>Toys, craft activities and games are available within settings to support families make the most of their time with this children</p> <p>Any specific requests for any additional games/craft activities can be made to the team at any point for consideration</p> <p>Families can also bring their own games/activities for the time they spend with their children. However these would need to be age appropriate, comply with safety regulations and not promote violence.</p> <p>Video games and/or use of internet is not recommended</p>
Activities in the community	<p>Where risk assessed and approved families can take their children into the community. This is unlikely where children are still subject to proceedings.</p> <p>This can include going to the local playground or walking to a local shop or park.</p>

	<p>Families would be encouraged to source no cost activities.</p> <p>RMBC would not pay for parent/family costs.</p> <p>RMBC would not routinely fund any activity outside in the community. Should families wish to purchase ice cream/sweets drinks for their children etc this should be discussed prior to the arrangement taking place and agreed at review meetings.</p> <p>Cranworth Centre and FAB Team do not provide food and refreshments for parents or children however would advise healthy snacks and drinks</p> <p>Social worker with family and carer to agree and inform FAB Team of the agreement.</p>
<p>Activities which require entrance fees or where the cost of the activity is more than £5.50</p>	<p>This will only be offered for children and families where the long term care plan has been agreed.</p> <p>For those children who see their families up to 6 times a year, RMBC will support children and young people up to £25 for entrance fees and refreshments for one session per year.</p> <p>Money for activites to be agreed prior to the session and will accompany the FAB worker to the session with the child.</p> <p>It is expected that families will provide their own funds for refreshments/entertainment/entrance for this session.</p> <p>RMBC will only fund where families can demonstrate hardship or where the session has been acknowledged to be a special occasion for family and/or</p>

child.

Cranworth Centre and FAB Team will seek reimbursement from allocated social worker and team for any costs incurred.

FAB Team do not recommend cinema/theatre or swimming as activities.