

Appendix 4: Proposed fostering fees and allowances – 2022 - 2024

Foster Carer Skills Payment – Per Week
 (Subsequent placements now at same rate as
 Child 1 and 2)

	Child 1	Child 2	Subsequent placements
Skill level 1	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Skill level 2	£ 125.00	£ 125.00	£ 125.00
Skill level 3	£ 175.00	£ 175.00	£ 175.00
Skill level 4	£ 360.00	£ 360.00	£ 360.00

Child Age related Allowance - Per Week (No change)

Age Band	RMBC Rates	Government Minimum Fostering Allowance
0-4 years	£ 141.00	£ 141.00
5-10 years	£ 156.00	£ 156.00
11-15 years	£ 189.37	£ 177.00
16+	£ 230.30	£ 207.00

Independent Fostering Protocol

Allowance		Duration	
Complex placement (Skill Level 4 +£200 per week)	£560.00 + Age related allowances (see table above)	Up to 12 months, then reduces to enhanced payment	
Enhanced payment (Also continues to receive current skills payment and age related allowance)	£100.00	Reviewed every 6 months	

Fostering day care rate:

(Calculated at 1/7 basic rate + 1/7 of Skills rate)

1/7 of Basic Allowance Rate	1/7 of Skills
Age 0-4 = £18.04	Level 1 - £14.28
Age 5 -10 = £19.71	Level 2 - £17.85
Age 11-15 = £24.01	Level 3 - £25.00
Age 16+ = £29.46	Level 4 - £51.48

Fostering Mileage rate:

45 pence per mile (aligned to employee mileage rate).