

# Payments and finances for Fostering

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## Introduction

We know that the financial side of fostering isn't what motivates you to look after children and young people, but we do recognise the demands of being a foster carer and the huge difference you make to the lives of those you look after. In recognition of your care and to help meet the costs of looking after a child we will make two payments to you when a child joins your household.

These are:

Foster Carer Fees – This payment is for your fostering

Child Maintenance – This is to cover the costs of looking after a foster child

## Foster Carer Fees

This payment is made to you for each child you look after in the fostering home. The fees are structured across a series of levels which reflect a foster carers skill, experience and training.

A standard fortnightly fostering fee for 2025 would be £280 for one child, £420 for two children and £560 for three children.

For more experienced foster carers, subject to criteria,  $+$  fees can rise to £490 per fortnight for one child and even  $+$  £824 per fortnight for the most experienced carers.

There are additional fee arrangements for the most  $+$  specialist care and for children and young people with the highest level of need but these are  $+$  subject to specific needs and assessment.



## Child Maintenance

This payment is made based on the estimated costs of looking after children and young people in the fostering home here on the island. As with Foster Carer Fees, these are paid each fortnight and for each foster child being looked after in the home.

The payment is made up of several components, such as pocket money, clothing, maintenance and activities but is made as a single payment to the foster carer. The Maintenance element is intended to be a contribution to household costs incurred when looking after children within the home.

### Child Maintenance payments are based on the age of the children:

Age of child or young person	Child Maintenance payments per fortnight
0 - 2	£564
3-4	£578
5-10	£634
11-15	£788
16 +	£927
Working / Income support 18+	£634
University Retainer	£170

### Additional allowances and payments

In addition to the Foster Carer Fee and Child Maintenance payments there are a number of additional grant payments that can be made. These include: bedroom and equipment grants, moving in grant and holiday grants.

## For more information call our fostering team



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