



Sandwell

Children's Trust

Payments for Foster Carers

Guide to payments for
foster carers for 2019/2020



Foster carers receive a fee and a maintenance allowance for each child in their care. The level of fee is dependent upon the skills of the carer and the maintenance allowance is paid according to the age of the child.

Current fees and allowances are detailed below.

Note - movement between skill levels (progression) is dependent upon the skill levels of the carers. Details are available in the [Foster Carer Guide to Progression](#).

Fee Payments

Level	Weekly 19/20
1	£109.56
2	£131.47
3	£175.28
4	£213.63
5	£257.45

Maintenance Allowances

Age	Weekly 19/20
0-4	£145.25
5-10	£165.45
11-15	£205.97
16+	£250.51

Fees and allowances are paid fortnightly. Carers are treated as self employed and are advised to seek the advice of an accountant.

Carers are also entitled to the following payments:

Age	Initial Clothing	Holiday Grant	Birthday / Festival
0-4	£124.62	£226.56	£84.96
5-10	£140.57	£283.20	£113.28
11-15	£158.17	£283.20	£141.60
16+	£175.44	£283.20	£169.92

Equipment

Sandwell Children's Trust supports foster carers in ensuring they have safe and appropriate equipment for children in their care.

Equipment	Allowance
Car Seat	£42.85
Stairgate	£20.83
Buggy/double buggy	£116.16 / £189.00
Bed & mattress	£189.00
Drawers	£99.00
Cot & mattress	£108.33
Bedding Bale	£39.57
Wardrobe	£179.00

Pocket Money and Savings

Carers are required to make savings for each child in their care. £5.00 weekly is to be saved for each child up until the age of 16, when the expectation is £10.00 weekly. The weekly sum comes from the carers' maintenance allowance.

Extra money (eg gifts at birthdays or from families) can be paid into the savings account.

Children are also entitled to receive pocket money commensurate with their age.

Sandwell Children's Trust has the following expectations.

Age	Amount
0-4	£5.10
5-10	£8.46
11-15	£13.15
16+	£22.17

