

We have accessed support from the council for all our foster carers from the household support fund. More information to follow soon on when you will receive your payment.

Sandwell Council announces £3.4million boost for residents as cost of living crisis bites of which £190,000 will be used to support 450 care leavers and foster carers and special guardians. ([Read More](#))

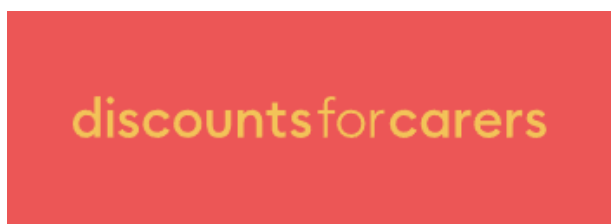
Don't forget you can save money by using your Max Card, applying for a Blue Light Card, Discounts for Carers Card or membership at Company Shop, details are below:



The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for foster families and families of children with additional needs. Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission.

The scheme is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys, trampoline parks and many more. You should have received your Max Card in the post when approved as a foster carer or your supervising social worker should have given you your Max Card when visiting. If you do not have a max card then let your supervising social worker know and they will ensure you receive one.

Read more at: [mymaxcard.co.uk](http://mymaxcard.co.uk)



Discounts for carers offers exclusive discounts, cashback and vouchers for carers and care workers. Including travel and holiday deals, money off top fashion brands, savings on homeware and electricals, through to deals on mobile phones, utilities and gym memberships.

Visit: [discountsforcarers.com](http://discountsforcarers.com)

As well as all the benefits detailed here, all our foster carers can get help and advice from their supervising social workers to make sure you are claiming everything you are entitled to as foster carers, such a mileage, support with buying new equipment and birthday and festival allowances.



All foster carers are entitled to apply for a Blue Light Card, this costs just £4.99 and provides 2-years access to an amazing range of discounts online and on the high street! This includes great savings at supermarkets, high street shops, restaurants, days out and many more.

You can apply online at [bluelightcard.co.uk](http://bluelightcard.co.uk)

You will need to provide your ID Card or recent payslip as evidence.



Foster carers are also able to apply for membership at Company Shop. There is a shop in Tipton, just around the corner from the Black Country Living Museum. Company Shop Group is the UK's leading redistributor of surplus food and household products, this means that many of the items they sell are heavily discounted to ensure that they do not go to waste.

For more information and to find out how to apply visit: [companyshopgroup.co.uk](http://companyshopgroup.co.uk)