

1. Please could you tell me your 2022-23 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers.

| Age | Week (£) |
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| 0-4 | 77.69 |
| 5-10 | 96.40 |
| 11-15 | 120.00 |
| 16-18 | 155.36 |

2. Please detail any allowances that ALL foster carers can claim in addition to their weekly allowance, e.g., holiday allowance or mileage.

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| Holiday allowance | £215.00 per child |
| Festival/Christmas allowance | £107.00 per child |
| Birthday allowance | 1 x week age related allowance per child |
| Initial Clothing Grant | Up to £250.00 per child |
| Additional Clothing e.g., school uniform, sports, clubs | Various amounts depending on the age of the child |
| Mileage | 45p per mile |
| Additional allowances for laundry & special diet | £20 per week |
| Baby sitting | £7 per hour/£42 per day max |
| Childcare i.e. Nursery, childminder | The standard rate charged |
| Hi life Highland card | £100 – Annually for family card |
| Health & Safety Equipment | Discretionary |

3. Please could you tell me your 2022-23 weekly allowances for former foster carers looking after young people in 18+ Staying Put arrangements, broken down by year 1, year 2, and year 3 if necessary.

| Age | Week (£) |
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| 16 -21 | 155.36 |
| Continuing Care arrangements | |

The Council are continuing to pay the allowance (and fee) for Continuing Care arrangements.

The current allowances are under review with a report being submitted to the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Committee in November for a request for an increase. This would mean an increase for Foster & Kinship carers.