



Strategy and Challenge

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Our ref: 12276995

Your ref:

Date: 10 April 2019

Dear Ms Felton,

I am pleased to provide a response to your request for information, received on 25 March 2019:

**1) Does the council follow the DfE method of assessing Special guardianship allowance. If not please provide information as to the method used.**

Yes

**2) What is the maximum payment for a child.**

The age related allowance

**a) Pre school age**

£130.06

**b) Primary school age**

£143.01

**c) Secondary school age**

£164.01

**d) Over 16**

£191.03

**3) Is the maximum payment based on recommended core foster care rates. If not what is the maximum payment based on.**

Yes

**4) Does special guardianship rise each year in line with the increase in core fostering rates.**

Yes

**5) Is the financial assessment where children were previously LAC different to the financial assessment for children who were not LAC.**

No

**6) What deductions, if any, are made from Special guardianship allowance, ie, Child benefit, Child tax credit.**

Child benefit only when not in receipt of other benefits

**7) If a carer is in receipt of Income support are any deductions made from Special Guardianship allowance, ie, Child Benefit, Child tax credit**

None

**8) Are Special guardianship allowances time limited. If so how long for.**

18 years

**9) How many special guardians in the authority are currently being financially supported**

224 guardians (326 placements)

**10) How many Child arrangement orders are currently being financially supported**

19 carers (24 placements)

**11) How many friends and family, (connected persons) foster carers are in the authority.**

63 carers (89 placements)

Please find this information below:

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Amelia Banner  
Information Requests Officer