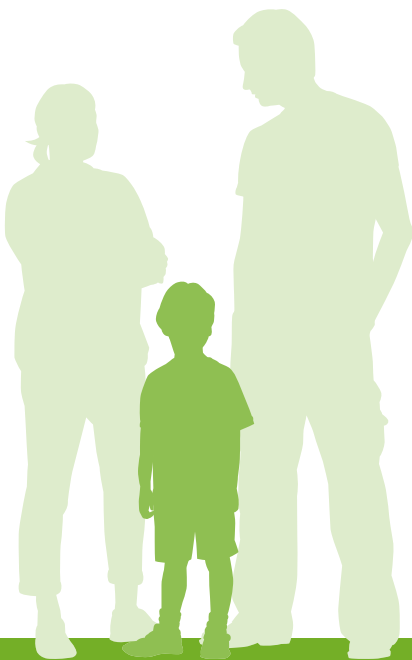


Financial Support



In Worcestershire we value the vital role foster carers play and believe in providing the financial support required to cover the cost of caring for a child in their own home.

Age (years)	Foster Care / Child Allowance		Foster Carer Fees	Total Weekly Payment per Child
0-1	£127	+	Level 1 - £100	= £227
			Level 2 - £150	= £277
			Level 3 - £200	= £327
2-4	£130	+	Level 1 - £100	= £230
			Level 2 - £150	= £280
			Level 3 - £200	= £330
5-10	£143	+	Level 1 - £100	= £243
			Level 2 - £150	= £293
			Level 3 - £200	= £343
11-15	£164	+	Level 1 - £100	= £264
			Level 2 - £150	= £314
			Level 3 - £200	= £364
16-17	£191	+	Level 1 - £100	= £291
			Level 2 - £150	= £341
			Level 3 - £200	= £391



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Below is an indication of what the guide identifies in relation to mileage payments:

Mileage payments

- Foster carers can claim a mileage payment in the following circumstances relating to a child in placement:
 - Travel to a school which is more than three miles from the home and is not attended by any of the foster carer's own children. Young people however should be encouraged to use public or school transport which suits their individual needs
 - Travel to meetings with birth family
 - Travel to exceptional medical or dental appointments, this does not include routine visits to the local GP or local dentist
- The Foster Care Child Allowance covers expense for general transport for your fostered child/ren and should be seen as covering the proportion of trips for shopping, social, outings etc.
- All other journeys should be discussed with your fostering social worker and any requests are to be agreed by the relevant team manager.

- Foster carers can also claim a mileage allowance for travel to carers' groups, training and development events, working groups established by the department, the Fostering Panel for their review/change of approval/link for permanence.

Any other journey for which foster carers may wish to claim a mileage allowance must be discussed in advance with their fostering social worker.

Payments are also available for:

- Holidays, birthdays and festival payments
- School trips up to £100
- Discretionary initial clothing allowance with separate payments for school uniforms when children are changing schools
- Retainer – A time-limited payment of 50% of the foster carers fee for up to 8 weeks when a short or long term placement ends but you are available for a new placement
- Up to 4 weeks reduced rate paid respite for carers per year (discretionary)
- Set up costs (discretionary)

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