

Herefordshire Council Children and Families Directorate

Foster Care Rates - Effective from 1st January to 31st March 2021

1. FOSTER CARE ALLOWANCES (Age allowance)

AGE	WEEKLY RATE	F/NIGHTLY RATE	DAILY RATE
0 - 4 years	154.15	308.30	22.02
5 - 10 years	168.46	336.92	24.07
11 - 15 years	199.06	398.12	28.44
16 - 17 years	234.46	468.92	33.49

2. FOSTERING FEES

	WEEKLY RATE	F/NIGHTLY RATE	DAILY RATE
Foundation Level Fee - (generally family & friends carers only)	Foster care allowance only		
Level 1	100.00	200.00	14.29
Level 2	164.30	328.60	23.47
Level 3	223.00	446.00	31.86
HIPSS/ARC	450.00	900.00	64.29

3. DISCRETIONARY FOSTERING FEES

	WEEKLY RATE	F/NIGHTLY RATE	DAILY RATE
Foster placement plus	100.00	200.00	14.29
Exceptional skills payment	£250 for 3 months if exceptional progress made by child if outcomes achieved due to skill and		

4. PARENT AND BABY PLACEMENTS: FEES AND ALLOWANCES

	ALLOWANCES	WEEKLY FEE	CONTRIBUTION FROM PARENT
Parent and baby are both looked after	Age allowance for both parent and baby	450.00	£15 per week if in receipt of living allowance
Only baby is looked after	Age allowance for baby and £300 for parent	450.00	£15 per week
Only parent is looked after	Age allowances for parent	450.00	£15 per week plus all costs related to care of baby

5. OTHER ALLOWANCES

Birthday	1 week's basic allowance
Christmas and festival	1 week's basic allowance
Holidays	2 weeks basic allowance
Discretionary holiday allowance	Up to £200 per annum
Discretionary clothing grant	Up to £200 per annum
Starting School	Up to £117
Changing Schools	Up to £211
Uniform allowance	Up to £107

6. RESPITE

Main carer	
Pay 60% of Basic Allowances & Full Fee (if applicable) whilst child is away on respite for up to 14 days per year	
Payment of allowance and fees in lieu of respite if respite entitlement is not utilised	
Respite carer	
Full allowances and fees (equivalent to main carer's fee level)	
Activities payment	£50 per weekend
Sessional rate for meetings and training attended	
Fees payable if respite cancelled with less than 2 weeks notice	

7. RETAINERS

End of placement	50% of fostering fee paid for up to 4 weeks following end of a placement (exceptionally up to 12 weeks). Payment ends if another child is placed.
Investigation following allegation	60% maintenance allowance and 50% fee for duration of investigation or until return of children to placement if sooner.

8. MILEAGE

Per Mile	£0.45
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9. SESSIONAL RATES

Hourly rate	£8.21
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10. STAYING PUT ALLOWANCES

	Allowance	Fee	Young person's contribution
Level 1	Age 16-17 maintenance allowance	£ 100.00	£15 per week or £25 if provided with meals. Young person is responsible for their own costs of living
Level 2		£ 125.00	
Level 3		£ 175.00	

11. SUPPORTED LODGINGS PLACEMENTS

	Allowance	Fee	Young person's contribution
Level 1	N/a	£ 180.00	£15 per week or £25 if provided with meals. Young person is responsible for their own costs of living
Level 2	N/a	£ 300.00	
Level 3	N/a	£ 450.00	