

The Fostering Service

ALLOWANCES and FEES 2025 - 2026

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Tiered Scheme Level	Allowance	Fee £	TOTAL WEEKLY PAYMENT £		*PLUS Additional Payment Per Year for holidays etc.
Standard Level One 0 – 1	171	0	171		769.50
Standard Level One 2 - 3	177	0	177		796.50
Standard Level One 4 - 10	194	0	194		873.00
Standard Level One 11 - 15	221	0	221		994.50
Standard Level One 16 - 17	259	0	259		1165.50
Intermediate Level Two 0 - 1	171	84	255		769.50
Intermediate Level Two 2 - 3	177	86	263		796.50
Intermediate Level Two 4 - 10	194	33	227		873.00
Intermediate Level Two 11 - 15	221	55	276		994.50
Intermediate Level Two 16 - 17	259	76	335		1165.50
Advanced Level Three 0 - 1	171	170	341		769.50
Advanced Level Three 2 - 3	177	179	356		796.50
Advanced Level Three 4 - 10	194	200	394		873.00
Advanced Level Three 11 - 15	221	237	458		994.50
Advanced Level Three 16 - 17	259	266	525		1165.50
Foster Plus Level Four 7 - 10	194	320	514		873.00
Foster Plus Level Four 11 - 15	221	357	578		994.50
Foster Plus Level Four 16 - 17	259	389	648		1165.50
Specialist Level Five 7 - 10	194	440	634		873.00
Specialist Level Five 11 - 15	221	477	698		994.50
Specialist Level Five 16 - 17	259	507	766		1165.50

*Additional Payments

In addition to the weekly allowance, one week's additional allowance will be payable each year to provide the child with birthday presents, one and a half week's allowance for a cultural festival and gifts, plus you will also receive the equivalent of 2 weeks allowance over the summer holidays.

All Suffolk Foster Carers ALSO receive:

Mileage at 45p per mile for contact/meetings/training

Loan of essential equipment and computers

Up to 21 nights paid short break, per placement

Membership of Fostering Network

They ALSO benefit from: Regular placements, choice of placements, fee 'progression' based upon increased placement offer.