

20 July 2021
Our ref: 7442536

Thank you for your request received on 23 June 2021, for the following information:

Please could you tell me your 2021-22 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers.

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

Please could you tell me your 2021-22 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.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

Please could you tell me your 2021-22 weekly foster care allowances for all age bands, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers.

Maintenance for 2020-21	
Age	Weekly Rate
0-2 years	155.00
3-5 years	158.00
6-10 years	177.00
11-15 years	201.00
16-17 years	235.00

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

Holidays/ Annual Leaves	<p>Foster children holiday grant: A holiday allowance is payable on top of the normal weekly maintenance allowance for a maximum of two weeks each year. This is to enable the foster child to experience "going on a holiday" with his/her foster family and for day trips and activities during school holiday breaks.</p> <p>The holiday allowance is payable for each foster child and is in line with the age related maintenance allowances set out earlier in this document.</p> <p>This is payable as and when the planned holiday arrangements are confirmed with the social worker, and evidence of the trip and expenses are provided.</p> <p>Foster carers' annual leave: Short-term and long term carers are entitled to 14 days holiday leave without the children who have been placed with them, during each financial year. During this period, they will receive only the fee element of fostering.</p> <p>If the children placed with them are cared for by nominated carers during the carers holiday period, they will continue to receive the maintenance allowance.</p> <p>The nominated carer receives a weekly fee of £181 in addition to the foster carer being paid their fee and maintenance allowance.</p> <p>This leave may be taken immediately after the placement ends or by requesting for a respite placement while the placement is open.</p> <p>Separate arrangements are agreed with Specialist Foster Carers and are highlighted in their agreement.</p>
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Please could you tell me your 2021-22 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.

Staying Put Fee Structure			
The transitional staying put fee is £380/week			
The staying put fee £280/week			
The entitlement is based on a young person's age			
Age	Start date	End date	Staying Put entitlement
18	1 st September after young person's 18 th birthday	31 st August after young person's 19 th birthday	Transitional Staying Put fee: £380/week
19 – 21 (25 in exceptional cases)	1st September after young person's 19 th birthday	Young person's 21 st birthday (25 th birthday in exceptional circumstances)	Staying Put Fee: £280/week

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.