fostering Allowances

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How much is the fostering allowance?

Caring for one child
receive up to
£267
per week

Caring for two children
receive up to
£534
per week

Do you pay tax on fostering pay?

You do not have to pay tax on the first £20,440 of your fostering payment. There are also further tax reductions to the weekly allowances, meaning very low or no tax payments for foster carers.

£20,440 tax free allowance

plus an additional weekly allowance based on the child or young person

for each child under 11 years
£435
per week

for each child over 11 years
£515
per week

What does fostering allowance cover?

The weekly fostering allowance is the amount that is paid to foster carers whilst they have a child in their care and does not include the skills fee that they are paid in addition to this. The allowance is to cover the costs of a child living in your home.

Are there additional payments available?

- Fostering 'set-up' fee
- School uniform allowances
- Birthday allowance
- Festival allowance
- Holiday allowance
- Support with school trips

What other benefits are there?

- Our Dedicated Specialist Support Team offering support to all carers throughout their journey.
- Our foster carers receive membership of the NATP (National Association of Therapeutic Parenting).
- You are never alone! We wrap our team around you to support you and your family every step of the way.
- Regular events for our fostering families, birth children and children in care, including craft days, picnics, and celebration evenings for your family to attend and meet other foster carers.
- A gift CARD voucher reward scheme for our carers who refer someone to foster with us.
- Opportunities to take part in our recruitment activities and events.
- As full members of The Fostering Network and New Family Social, you'll have access to all of their support and information too. Including reduced rates for family holidays and days out.
- Foster carers will receive a MAX discount card upon approval **mymaxcard.co.uk**

For more information visit
FosteringLeicestershire.com
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