

HIGHLAND COUNCIL FOSTERING & ADOPTION ALLOWANCES 2026/2027

FOSTERING

APPROVED FOSTER CARER ALLOWANCES - 52 WEEK YEAR (BASED ON NIGHTS)

- Payment stops on 18th Birthday **

AGE	3 Nights (minimum payment)	4 Nights	5 Nights	6 Nights	WEEKLY PAYMENT	FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT
0 - 4	£ 76.15	£ 101.53	£ 126.91	£ 152.30	£ 177.68	£ 355.36
5 - 10	£ 88.59	£ 118.12	£ 147.65	£ 177.18	£ 206.71	£ 413.42
11 - 15	£ 88.59	£ 118.12	£ 147.65	£ 177.18	£ 206.71	£ 413.42
16 - 18	£ 121.44	£ 161.91	£ 202.39	£ 242.87	£ 283.35	£ 566.70

Birthday payment	1 weeks allowance	per child	Paid in the payment run prior to the birthday
Summer payment	£ 215.00	per child	Paid in the last payment run in June/1st week of July
Christmas payment	£ 107.00	per child	Paid in the last payment run in November

Mileage Rate	£ 0.45	per mile
Short Term Car Hire mileage rate	£ 0.13	per mile

Children Placed from 01/04/15 with a View to Adoption receive the Foster Carer Allowance only

FOSTER CARER FEE:	HALF WEEK (3 nights or less)	From 01/01/2020 Fee paid per child			WEEKLY PAYMENT	FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT
Fee <13 year old	£ 80.50			£ 160.99	£ 321.98	
Fee >13 year old	£ 107.33			£ 214.66	£ 429.32	
*Community Carer Fee:	£ 107.33			£ 214.66	£ 429.32	

***Pay Four Weeks after Last Child Discharged**

FEES:	PER WEEK	PER FORTNIGHT
Positive Partners #	£ 309.50	£ 619.00
Specialist Carers	£ 514.68	£ 1,029.36
Specialist Carer Half Week	£ 257.34	n/a
Intensive Foster Carers	£ 794.15	£ 1,588.30

Based on being matched to 4 children (or pro rata thereof)
Eldest child in placement receives Specialist Carer Fee

ADOPTION

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Based on Fostering Allowance Less Weekly Child Benefit of: First Child £ 27.05 Subsequent Child(ren) £ 17.90

AGE	WEEKLY (Higher CB Entitlement)	FORTNIGHTLY (Higher CB Entitlement)	WEEKLY (Lower CB Entitlement)	FORTNIGHTLY (Lower CB Entitlement)
0 - 4	£ 150.63	£ 301.26	£ 159.78	£ 319.56
5 - 10	£ 179.66	£ 359.32	£ 188.81	£ 377.62
11 - 15	£ 179.66	£ 359.32	£ 188.81	£ 377.62
16 - 18	£ 256.30	£ 512.60	£ 265.45	£ 530.90

Please note that no BIRTHDAY, CHRISTMAS or SUMMER PAYMENTS are made for ADOPTION

** Allowances stops on 18th birthday, unless otherwise notified.