

## Herefordshire Council Children and Young People's Directorate

### Foster Care Rates - Effective from 1st April 2023

#### 1. Foster Care Allowances (Age Allowance)

| Age           | Weekly Rate | F/Nightly Rate | Daily Rate |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| 0 - 4 years   | £169.96     | £339.92        | £24.28     |
| 5 - 10 years  | £185.71     | £371.42        | £26.53     |
| 11 - 15 years | £219.45     | £438.90        | £31.35     |
| 16 - 17 years | £258.51     | £517.02        | £36.93     |

#### 2. Fostering Fees

|   | Weekly Rate  | F/Nightly Rate | Daily Rate |
|---|--|----------------|------------|
| Foundation Level Fee - (generally family & friends carers only) | Allowance only (Specific to Child's Age) Refer to foster care allowances |                |            |
| Level 1   | £110.25  | £220.50        | £15.75     |
| Level 2   | £181.16  | £362.32        | £25.88     |
| Level 3   | £245.84  | £491.68        | £35.12     |
| ARC   | £496.16  | £992.32        | £70.88     |

#### 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 and outcomes achieved due to skills |                |            |

#### 4. Parent and Baby Placements: Fees & Allowances

|                                       | Allowances                                    | Weekly Fee | Contribution from Parent                                |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------|---|
| Parent and baby are both looked after | Age Allowance for both parent and baby        | £496.16    | £15 per week if in receipt of living allowance          |
| Only baby is looked after             | Age allowance for baby and £330.75 for parent | £496.16    | £15 per week  |
| Only parent is looked after           | Age allowances for parent                     | £496.16    | £15 per week plus all costs related to the care of baby |

#### 5. Other Allowances

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| Birthday                        | 1 week's basic allowance |
| Christmas and festival          | 1 week's basic allowance |
| Holidays                        | 2 week's basic allowance |
| Discretionary holiday allowance | Up to £200 per annum     |
| Discretionary clothing grant    | Up to £200 per annum     |
| Starting School                 | Up to £122.85            |
| Changing School                 | Up to £221.55            |
| Uniform Allowance               | Up to £112.35            |

## 6. Respite

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

## 7. Retainers

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| End of placement                   | 50% of fostering fee paid for up to 4 weeks following end of a placement (exceptionally up to                            |
| Investigation following allegation | 60% maintenance allowance and 50% fee for duration of investigation, or until return of children to placement if sooner. |

## 8. Mileage

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| Per Mile | £0.45 |
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## 9. Sessional Rates

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| Hourly Rate | £8.62 |
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## 10. Staying Put Allowances

|         | Allowance                       | Fee     | Young Person's Contribution  |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------|--|
| Level 1 | Age 16-17 maintenance allowance | £110.25 | £15 per week or £25 if provided with meals. Young person is responsible for their own cost of living |
| Level 2 |                                 | £137.81 |  |
| Level 3 |                                 | £192.94 |  |

## 11. Supported Lodgings Placements

|         | Allowance | Fee     | Young Person's Contribution  |
|---------|-----------|---------|--|
| Level 1 | N/A       | £198.45 | £15 per week or £25 if provided with meals. Young person is responsible for their own cost of living |
| Level 2 |           | £330.75 |  |
| Level 3 |           | £496.13 |  |

## 12. Overnight Short Breaks Carers

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| Per Night | £119.07 |
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## 13. Adoption Transitions

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| £50 payment to support facilitation of adoption for 10-14 days transition. Covering meals/food/activities and hospitality for adopters |
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