

Camden Foster Carers

Finance FACT SHEET

2024/2025

The Camden Fostering Service pays each carer on a weekly basis for every Child Looked After placed in their care. This payment is made up of a maintenance allowance and professional fee. The amount of the maintenance allowance paid is dependent on the age of the child in the foster placement. Similarly, the professional fee paid to the foster carer is dependent on age and whether the foster carer is approved as a mainstream or specialist foster carer.

MAINSTREAM FOSTER CARERS WEEKLY FEES AND ALLOWANCES			
Age Range	Maintenance Allowance	Professional Fee	Total weekly amount per child
0-4 Years	£240.32	£149.23	£389.55
5-10 Years	£249.64	£149.23	£398.87
11-15 Years	£329.32	£149.23	£478.55
16-18 Years	£350.10	£169.23	£519.33

SPECIALIST FOSTER CARERS WEEKLY FEES AND ALLOWANCES			
Age Range	Maintenance Allowance	Professional Fee	Total weekly amount per child
0-4 Years	£240.32	£502.66	£742.98
5-10 Years	£249.64	£502.66	£752.30
11-15 Years	£329.32	£502.66	£831.98
16-18 Years	£350.10	£522.66	£872.76

The table below sets out a general guide for how foster carers should spend the maintenance allowance. This is a general guide only and it is recommended that the social work team and the foster carer have a discussion on how they intend on tailoring the maintenance allowance at the beginning of each placement. This can take into account the needs of the child, their interests and their age or other relevant factors.

Age range	Accommodation (30%)	Household (18%)	Food and Housekeeping (21%)	Clothing (10%)	Personal /hobbies (9%)	Pocket Money (5%)	Transport (7%)	Total (100%)
0-4	£72.10	£43.25	£50.46	£24.05	£21.62	£12.02	£16.82	£240.32
5-10	£74.90	£44.94	£52.42	£24.96	£22.47	£12.48	£17.47	£249.64
11-15	£98.80	£59.30	£69.15	£32.93	£29.64	£16.45	£23.05	£329.32
16-18	£105.03	£63.02	£73.52	£35.01	£31.51	£17.50	£24.51	£350.10