



All foster carers receive:

- Skills payments whilst child in placement
 - Annual leave payment
- Allowances for children in placement
(including pocket money, holiday, birthday, clothing etc)



Details of carer payments when a child is placed with them:

Skills payments

Foundation level
£0 per week
Standard level per week
£187,20 (age 0-10)
£279,30 (age 11-17)
ARC level
££505,05 per week

Annual Leave

*All Hertfordshire foster carers who actively foster are entitled to annual leave payments;
For Full time carers, the payment is equivalent to 2 weeks Skills payment
Sleepover carers only, are entitled to 1 week skills payment*

Allowances

Age 0-4 - **£177 per week**
Age 5-10 - **£195 per week**
Age 11-15 - **£223 per week**
Age 16-17 - **£260 per week**

Other allowances (e.g. for birthdays) – see Payments Document for full list

Exceptional/Additional payments

In exceptional circumstance, additional allowances may be paid. These are agreed on a case by case basis and must not be covered by existing allowances. They may include:

Costs of activities, trips, sports equipment, musical instruments, meeting special dietary requirements, additional hair/skin care needs relating to a young person's ethnicity etc.

Specialist schemes

Mockingbird Hub Carers

Hub carer payment of **£505,05 per week**, plus hub allowance and activity budget

Parent and Child Carers

£715,88 per week during placement
(£463,35 whilst awaiting placement)

Emergency foster carers

Daily payment of
£75 Emergency FC retainer
Plus payment when child is placed
£72,15 (skills payment)
£32 (child allowance based on 11-15 yrs)