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

Skills payments

Foundation level
£0 per week

Standard level

£171.74 (age 0-10), £256.24 (age 10-17) per week

ARC level

£463.35 per week

Allowances

Age 0-4 - **£157 per week**

Age 5-10 - **£173 per week**

Age 11-15 - **£198 per week**

Age 16-17 - **£231 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.

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

Specialist schemes

Mockingbird Hub Carers

£463,35 per week plus £100 per week for child specific expenses and £34,52 pw to fund monthly constellation events/ activities

Parent and Child Carers

£695,03 per week during placement
(£463,35 whilst awaiting placement)

Supporting Lodgings Carers

£189.43 per week

Staying Put Carers

Staying Put Lodgings: **£189.43 per week**
Staying Put Supported (standard): **£376.48**



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Additional payment rates/roles



Foster carers can apply for additional paid roles in the Service:

Ambassador
(supporting applicants)
£9.57 per hour

Peer Support
Carer
£9.57 per hour

Trainer
£15 per hour

Ambassador
Co-ordinator
£15 per hour

Retained carer -
£150 per weekend



Foster carers can claim additional payments for their placement, if agreed with their fostering team:

Day Care Allowance
£15.72 per child per day

Expenses e.g.
mileage

Emergency
placement £100

Hourly day care payment
£5.38 per child per hour

Disturbance payment
£15.50 per child per day



Foster carers are encouraged to contribute to the Service and develop themselves by taking on voluntary roles:

Service development task groups

Buddy - supporting new or existing