

EDINBURGH COUNCIL COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES
Payments to Carers from 1st April 2026

1.	Foster Allowances			
Age Range	Standard	Clothing	Pocket Money	Maintenance
0-4	£177.70	£24.88	£5.33	£147.49
5-10	£206.72	£35.15	£10.33	£161.24
11-15	£206.72	£39.27	£16.53	£150.92
16-17	£283.37	£53.84	£22.66	£206.87

In addition to the above allowances, four extra weeks are paid. Winter Holiday allowances (equivalent to one week's standard allowance) are paid on 27th November; Summer Holiday allowances (equivalent to two weeks' standard allowances) are paid on 1st June. Birthday allowances (equivalent to one week's standard allowance) are paid on the day before the child's birthday.

2.	Foster Fees	
Age Range	Weekly Fees	
0-11	£307.50	
12+	£307.50	
Disability & Specialist	£490.06	

3.	Continuing Care			
	Standard	Clothing	Pocket Money	Maintenance
Allowances	£283.37	£53.84	£22.66	£206.87
Mainstream Fee	£307.50			
Specialist Fee	£490.06			

Note: allowances and fees only paid for 52 weeks

4.	Day Care	
	Day Care Fees	Day Care Allowances – 8.00am – 6.00pm
	£28.72- 1 day care	£18.70 - 1 day care
	£39.87- 2 days care	£37.38- 2 days care
	£51.06- 3 days care	£56.10- 3 days care
	£62.23- 4 days care	£74.79- 4 days care
	£73.39- 5 days care	£93.50 - 5 days care
	Extra Meal(s) - £2.59 per day £12.98 per week	
	Unsocial Hours (before 08:00 and after 18:00) - £1.34 per day £6.67 per week	
	Day Care Christmas Allowance	
	£ 15.59	

5.	Befriender
	£10.07 per hour

6.	Foster Carers Expenses	
Mileage	Rate per mile	£0.45

Phone Call	Rate per phone call	£0.23
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7.	Cont. Care from 18 yrs: Scheme of Contributions to Foster Carers/Residential Units/Kinship Carers. (Please note this no longer applies 16-18yrs)
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Young person's income *	Carer's allowance		
	Pocket money	Clothing	Maintenance
Up to £14.99, young person retains all income and receives pocket money	Full amount for 16 + (£22.66)	Full amount for 16 + (53.84)	Full amount for 16 + (£206.87)
From £15.00 - £39.99	For every £1 the young person earns/receives above £15.00, pocket money reduces by 50p	Full amount for 16 + (£53.84)	Full amount for 16 + (£206.87)
From £40.00 - £99.99	The carer no longer receives pocket money for the young person – young person responsible for own pocket money.	For every £1 the young person earns/receives above £40.00, the clothing grant reduces by 50p	Full amount for 16 + (£206.87)
Above £100.00		The carer no longer receives clothing allowance for the young person – young person responsible for own clothing.	The maintenance allowance reduces by 50p per week for each £1 earned by the young person over £100.00

* Income includes any net earnings from part time or full time work, any other educational funding e.g. bursary and any benefits to which the young person is entitled.

8.	Prospective Adoption Allowances**	
Age Range	Weekly Fee	
0-4	£ 171.17	
5-10	£ 199.14	
11-15	£ 199.14	
16-18	£ 272.97	

**Allowances apply to new Prospective Adopters. Any PA provision initiated in 2022/23 financial year will be on the old rates April – June after which time if the Adoption order is not granted the rates fall in line with 2024/25 rates.

Mileage allowance for Prospective Adopters is 15p per mile

9.	Adoption Allowances	
	Age Range	Weekly Fee
	0-4	£ 171.77
	5-10	£ 199.14
	11-13	£ 199.14
	16-18	£ 272.97

10.	<p>Adoption Allowance for Previous Foster Carers (Where the legal status has changed from 'Looked After' to 'Adopted') Where a foster carer, as a result of a recommendation by the panel and approval of the agency decision maker formally adopts, they will continue to receive the equivalent of the fostering allowance and fees, minus child benefit, unless they choose not to do so. This can be approved for up to two years.</p>
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11.	Child Benefit Rate High £27.05 Child Benefit Rate Low £17.90
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12.	<p>Allowances for previous Foster Carers Where the carer was previously a foster carer but then secures a Section 11 Order their fee will stop but they can, if approved by the agency decision maker, receive up to 100% enhancement of the fostering fee. Where prior to 1st April 2007, a different financial arrangement was in place or had been approved by the agency decision maker as a result of the panel recommendation but was not yet in place, this arrangement can be continued but not increased.</p>
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13.	Kinship Allowance LAAC			
	Age Range	Standard allowance	Less (High) Child Benefit: £27.05	Less (Low) Child Benefit: £17.90
	0-4	£177.70	£150.65	£159.80
	5-10	£206.72	£179.67	£188.82
	11-15	£206.72	£179.67	£188.82
	16+	£283.37	£256.32	£265.47

Kinship wellbeing payments for non-LAC eligible children are as above, less all state benefit entitlement.

Kinship carers that secure a child in their care through adoption can receive the kinship wellbeing payment less all state benefit entitlement for up to 2 years post adoption order being granted.

In addition to the above Kinship, four extra weeks are paid. Winter Holiday allowances (equivalent to one week's standard allowance) are paid on 27th November; Summer Holiday allowances (equivalent to two weeks' standard allowances) are paid on 1st June. Birthday allowances (equivalent to one week's standard allowance) are paid on the day before the child's birthday. These are paid up to the day before the young person's 18th birthday.

REMINDERS

Dear Carers,

- ✧ Please remember **ALL** carers are paid in advance. Carers paid weekly are paid one week in advance; Carers paid monthly are paid four weeks in advance.
- ✧ Your Pay Notification should always be checked. If a placement ends, your Pay Notification will state what date you have been paid up to for that placement; this will alert you to how many days you have been overpaid.
- ✧ Overpayments to carers **MUST** be repaid to the City of Edinburgh Council. We will send an overpayment letter outlining the amount you are due to repay, then raise an invoice. If you have any concerns about overpayments, please contact your allocated Family Based Care worker in the first instance.
- ✧ Expense claims should be submitted on a regular basis, and always within 3 months from the expense. Claims should only relate to the current financial year. Receipts should always be sent with your claim form (a photocopy is acceptable). Leisure trips should not be claimed for unless previously agreed with your Family Based Care Social Worker.
- ✧ Please keep your Pay Notification letters as they will allow you to alert us to any missing payments or errors in payment. You can also use your Pay Notification to calculate your earnings (which is required by HMRC) from April to March each year.

For queries. Please contact your Family Based Care Social Worker