

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL FOSTERING & ADOPTION ALLOWANCES 2025/2026

### FOSTERING

#### APPROVED FOSTER CARER ALLOWANCES - 52 WEEK YEAR (BASED ON NIGHTS) - Payment stops on 18th Birthday \*\*

AGE	3 Nights (minimum payment)	4 Nights	5 Nights	6 Nights	WEEKLY PAYMENT	FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT
0 - 4	£ 72.13	£ 96.18	£ 120.22	£ 144.27	£ 168.31	£ 336.62
5 - 10	£ 83.92	£ 111.89	£ 139.86	£ 167.84	£ 195.81	£ 391.62
11 - 15	£ 85.71	£ 114.29	£ 142.86	£ 171.43	£ 200.00	£ 400.00
16 - 18	£ 115.03	£ 153.38	£ 191.72	£ 230.07	£ 268.41	£ 536.82

<b>Birthday payment</b>	1 weeks allowance	per child	Paid in the payment run prior to the birthday
<b>Summer payment</b>	£ 215.00	per child	Paid in the last payment run in June/1st week of July
<b>Christmas payment</b>	£ 107.00	per child	Paid in the last payment run in November
<b>Mileage Rate</b>	£ 0.45	per mile	
<b>Short Term Car Hire mileage rate</b>	£ 0.13	per mile	

Children Placed from 01/04/15 with a View to Adoption receive the Foster Carer Allowance only

FOSTER CARER FEE:	HALF WEEK (3 nights or less)	From 01/01/2020 Fee paid per child			WEEKLY PAYMENT	FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT
Fee <13 year old	£ 80.50			£ 160.99	£ 321.98	
Fee >13 year old	£ 107.33			£ 214.66	£ 429.32	
<b>*Community Carer Fee:</b>	£ 107.33			£ 214.66	£ 429.32	

\*Pay Four Weeks after Last Child Discharged

FEES:	PER WEEK	PER FORTNIGHT
<b>Positive Partners #</b>	£ 309.50	£ 619.00
Specialist Carers	£ 514.68	£ 1,029.36
Specialist Carer Half Week	£ 257.34	n/a
<b>Intensive Foster Carers</b>	£ 794.15	£ 1,588.30

# Based on being matched to 4 children (or pro rata thereof)  
Eldest child in placement receives Specialist Carer Fee

### ADOPTION

#### APPROVED FOSTER CARER ALLOWANCES - 52 WEEK YEAR (BASED ON NIGHTS) - Payment stops on 18th Birthday \*\*

Based on Fostering Allowance Less Weekly Child Benefit of:      First Child    £      26.05      Subsequent Child(ren)    £      17.25

AGE	WEEKLY (Higher CB Entitlement)	FORTNIGHTLY (Higher CB Entitlement)	WEEKLY (Lower CB Entitlement)	FORTNIGHTLY (Lower CB Entitlement)
0 - 4	£ 142.26	£ 284.52	£ 151.06	£ 302.12
5 - 10	£ 169.76	£ 339.52	£ 178.56	£ 357.12
11 - 15	£ 173.95	£ 347.90	£ 182.75	£ 365.50
16 - 18	£ 242.36	£ 484.72	£ 251.16	£ 502.32

**Please note that no BIRTHDAY, CHRISTMAS or SUMMER PAYMENTS are made for ADOPTION**

\*\* Allowances stops on 18th birthday, unless otherwise notified.

## F&A PAYROLL FOR 2025/2026

Approved Expenses Claim Forms, etc REQUIRED BY FINANCE BY:			FOR INCLUSION IN PAYRUN			Paid Into Bank a/c
Wednesday		Run No:				Thursday
26-March		450	27/03/2025	-	09/04/2025	03/04/2025
09-April		451	10/04/2025	-	23/04/2025	17/04/2025
23-April		452	24/04/2025	-	07/05/2025	01/05/2025
07-May		453	08/05/2025	-	21/05/2025	15/05/2025
21-May		454	22/05/2025	-	04/06/2025	29/05/2025
04-June		455	05/06/2025	-	18/06/2025	12/06/2025
18-June	Annual Holiday Payment Run *	456	19/06/2025	-	02/07/2025	26/06/2025
02-July		457	03/07/2025	-	16/07/2025	10/07/2025
16-July		458	17/07/2025	-	30/07/2025	24/07/2025
30-July		459	31/07/2025	-	13/08/2025	07/08/2025
13-August		460	14/08/2025	-	27/08/2025	21/08/2025
27-August		461	28/08/2025	-	10/09/2025	04/09/2025
10-September		462	11/09/2025	-	24/09/2025	18/09/2025
24-September		463	25/09/2025	-	08/10/2025	02/10/2025
08-October		464	09/10/2025	-	22/10/2025	16/10/2025
22-October		465	23/10/2025	-	05/11/2025	30/10/2025
05-November		466	06/11/2025	-	19/11/2025	13/11/2025
19-November	Christmas Payment Run **	467	20/11/2025	-	03/12/2025	27/11/2025
03-December		468	04/12/2025	-	17/12/2025	11/12/2025
<b>Monday</b>						
<b>15 - December</b>	<b>(Double Run)</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>18/12/2025</b>		<b>14/01/2026</b>	<b>22/12/2025</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>						
14-January		470	15/01/2026	-	28/01/2026	22/01/2026
28-January		471	29/01/2026	-	11/02/2026	05/02/2026
11-February		472	12/02/2026	-	25/02/2026	19/02/2026
25-February		473	26/02/2026	-	11/03/2026	05/03/2026
11-March		474	12/03/2026	-	25/03/2026	19/03/2026
25-March		475	26/03/2026	-	08/04/2026	02/04/2026

**\* Annual Payment is £215.00**

Payment is not applicable to Adoption/VTA or Residence placements.

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