



# Looking after you

**Fostering fees and  
allowances in  
Northern Ireland**

## **Safe and happy childhood**

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.



# *We want you to know that you can afford to foster a child.*

You'll get a weekly fee and allowances so that you can support yourself and the children living with you. This payment ranges from £475-£655 per week in Northern Ireland, depending on the child or young person in your care.

## **Fees**

We pay our foster carers a basic fee every week. There's also a specialist add-on payment for people looking after children with complex needs. This add-on is assessed by the service against a set of criteria. The payment you get will vary if you're fostering siblings. It also depends on where you live.

Basic weekly fee	£330
Typical weekly fee when caring for children with complex needs	£390-£440
Basic weekly fee when caring for a parent and child	£500

## **Allowances**

We also pay a weekly allowance on top of your fee. This covers a child's toiletries, activities, travel, pocket money, mobile phone, clothes, etc. It also goes toward your household costs.

Basic weekly allowance for a child or young person	£145-£215
Basic weekly allowance for parents caring for a parent and child	£170

Extra allowances and specialist add-on fees will be paid to cover other activities, like taking a child on holiday. We'll have a proper chat about fees and allowances when we meet you.

## **Any questions?**

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