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Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information about Foster Carer Fees. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Please could you tell me your 2014-15 weekly foster care allowance, NOT including any fee/reward element for foster carers, for:**

- a) 0-4 year olds;**
- b) 11-15 year olds.**

The information you have requested regarding Foster Care allowance fees is detailed on the attached document.

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Yours sincerely

Jackie Rutherford

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# Fees and Allowances

If you foster for Coventry we pay you a “fee” in recognition of your commitment to care for a Coventry child.

The amount is based on the level of training and experience. We are keen to support you to progress through the levels, if there's an agreement that is appropriate for you and your own circumstances.

**The current fees are:**

Level	Weekly Fee £
- Mainstream 2 (carers working towards the Training, Support, & Development Standards)	139.37
- Mainstream 3 (Following successful completion of Training, Support & Development Standards)	214.41
- Specialist Dual Fee (Carers approved for more than one specialist placement)	283.65
- Specialist Solo Fee (Solo placement required)	353.71



## Child Maintenance Allowance

Coventry City Council pays a maintenance amount based on the age of the child that is at least equal to National Minimum Fostering Allowance.

**Carers should not depend on the fostering maintenance payment allowance for their own income as it is intended to be spent on the care of the child.**

The child maintenance allowance is designed to cover the full cost of looking after a fostered child and does not include any form of reward for carers. The child maintenance allowance is made up of a number of elements which include household, clothing, food, transport and personal/ pocket money.

Child Maintenance Allowances are only payable while a child is in placement.

Child's age	Scale £ . p
0 - 4	131.32
5 - 10	149.66
11 - 15	186.27
16+	226.52

## Mother and baby placements

The enhanced child maintenance allowances outlined below are based on the basic maintenance levels of both mother and baby and are payable from 11 weeks before the birth is due until the birth of the baby.

Mother's age	Enhanced General Allowance £ . p	Enhanced Specific Child Allowance £ . p
11 - 15	302.47	245.07
16+	340.83	267.05

