Other Fostering Schemes
Parent and Child Foster Care Arrangements

Coventry needs more people to provide 'parent and child' foster care arrangements in which a parent or parents and baby/young child are cared for in a fostering household to help support the parent in learning the skills of parenting and caring for a child, whilst in a safe, nurturing environment. Parent and child foster carers also help to inform assessments on the ability of the parent to care for their child in the future.

Weekly fostering fee for a 'Parent and Child' placement	**£538.95**

Maintenance allowance (to cover the cost of the parent and child)	
Parent under 16	**£472.98** per week
Parent 16-18	**£541.07** per week

In circumstances where the parent is over 18 or where more than one parent or child is placed, these fees and allowances will vary and exact arrangements would always be discussed and agreed with our team and the foster carers.

Specialist Fostering Care Arrangements

Coventry also runs a specialist fostering scheme, called Next Steps, which is a scheme for children aged 10+ who may otherwise be in a residential (sometimes known as a 'children's home') setting. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please go to **coventry.gov.uk/nextsteps** or call the team. This scheme has additional requirements and commitments and these are reflected in the payment scheme we offer.

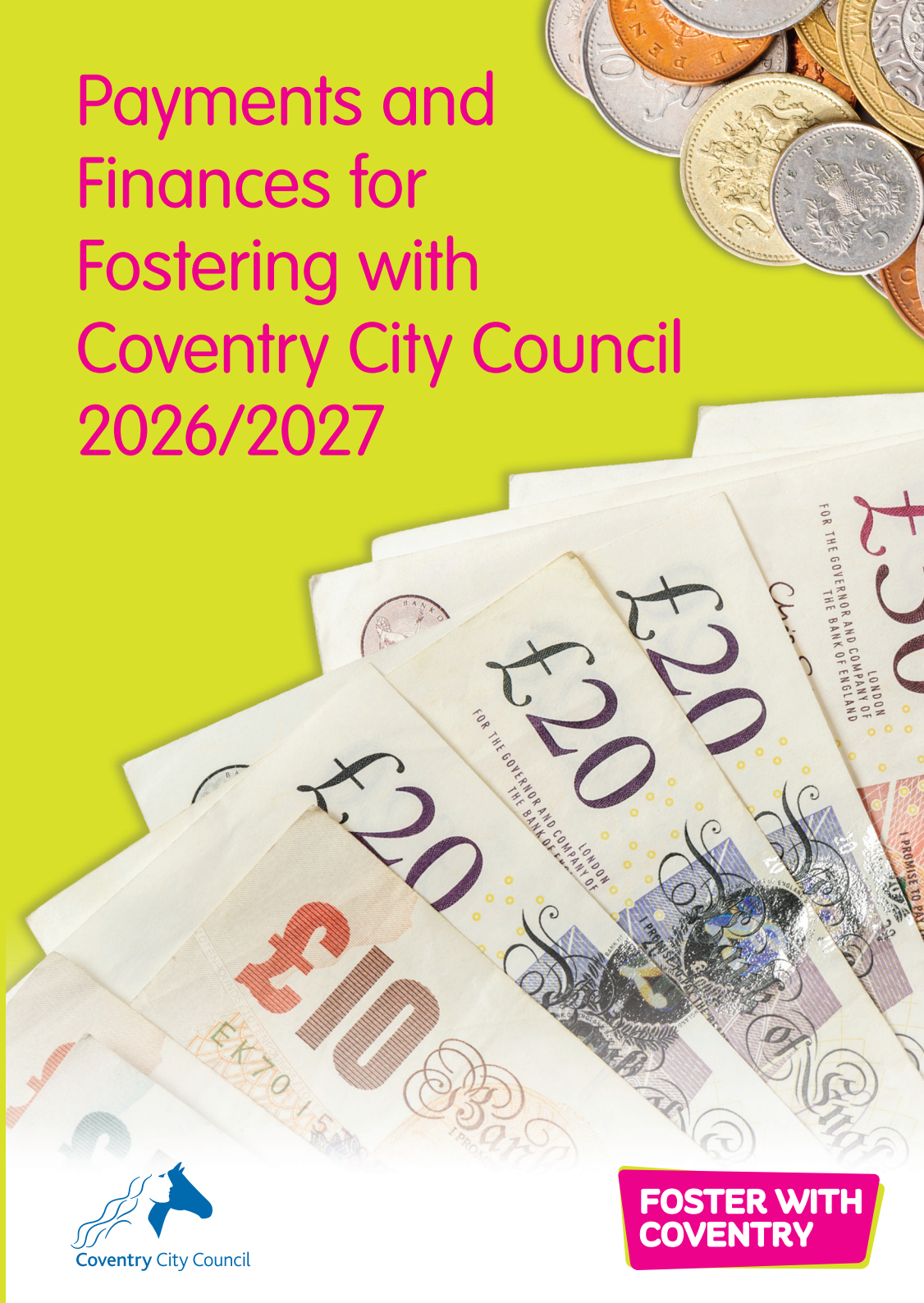
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Payments and Finances for Fostering with Coventry City Council 2026/2027



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When and how are payments made?

Coventry City Council pays all foster carers a fee and allowance from the first child placed in the home, apart from temporary approved carers who will only receive the child maintenance allowance. Fees and maintenance allowances are paid for each child placed in the fostering household. They are paid directly into foster carers' bank accounts each week, in arrears. The figures in this information sheet are intended as a guide. For further, more detailed information, please speak to your social worker.

The payment for fostering: foster carers' 'fees'

The 'fostering fee' is paid to foster carers for each child in care in the fostering home, apart from temporary approved carers who will only receive the child maintenance allowance. Fees are the amount paid to the carer for the work they do as a foster carer.
There are different levels of fees which are dependent upon a foster carer's experience, training and the level of any complexities of need for the child or children being cared for.

Kinship Carers Fees

Temporary approved carers - for kinship carers who have temporarily been approved for a child/ren connected to them. They will receive the child maintenance allowances only (per child, per week)
Approved carers - for kinship carers who have attended Fostering Panel and were approved to care for a child/ren connected to them (Level 1)

£100 (per child, per week)

Mainstream Fostering Fees

Standard Fostering Fee - for foster carers who have completed or are working towards completed 60% of their 'Training, Support and Development standards' portfolio at the time of attending Panel (Level 2)

£175.40 (per child, per week)

Enhanced Fostering Fee - for foster carers who met the progression criteria to demonstrate they are more experienced in their fostering role (Level 3).

£269.78 (per child, per week)

Fostering Allowances (sometimes called 'Child Maintenance Allowance')

The fostering allowance is based on the estimated cost of caring for a child or children in the fostering home, these are paid for each child placed in the fostering household. There are differences in the allowance paid which recognises the different costs of caring for children and young people of different ages:

Age of child/ young person	Fostering Allowance per child, per week
0-4	£195.67
5-10	£222.99
11-15	£277.37
16+	£337.40

Our savings policy for children in care means that £5 per week will be deducted from the weekly allowance, put into the child or young person's savings which is then transferred to their Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund, becoming available to them at 18. If you would like more information on this please contact the team.

Additional allowances and payments

An additional five weeks of fostering allowances are paid at key times of the year to cover expenses for birthdays, festivals, holidays and clothing. This helps foster carers to manage these additional costs as they occur. Coventry City Council also pays for certain additional mileage at 45 pence per mile and for some school trips and additional leisure activities for children. For more details about additional payments please speak to the team.

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