allowances for full time next steps foster carers

Enhanced Fee

As a Full Time Next Steps Foster Carer, you'll receive an enhanced annual fee of £50,000. This reflects the specialist skills, dedication and availability needed to support children and young people with more complex needs.

Weekly Allowances

When a child is placed with you, you'll receive a weekly fostering allowance for each child in your care to help with costs such as food, heating and clothing. As a not-for-profit organisation, Foster Wales Flintshire is focused on what's best for children, not shareholders. Children are never bought or sold. We are here to make a difference.

You can view a breakdown of the allowance, organised by age group:

Age	0-4	5-10	11-15	16+
Allowance	£232.91	£213.12	£213.12	£265.52

Payment figures as at April 2026

Special Allowances

You'll also receive additional payments throughout the year to help with the costs of special occasions while a child is living with you. These payments help ensure children can celebrate important milestones and enjoy memorable experiences with their fostering family.

These include:

Special Allowances	Allowance
Birthday allowance	£232.91 - £265.52
Religious festival allowance	£232.91 - £265.52
Annual holiday allowance	£471.82 - £531.04

Payment figures as at April 2026

Tax & National Insurance

Foster carers are classed as self-employed and are required to register as such. You will be eligible for tax and National Insurance exemptions. You can find out more at HMRC.

allowances for support next steps foster carers

Enhanced Fee

Support Next Steps Foster Carers play an important role in helping Full Time Next Steps Foster Carers provide consistent, stable care for children and young people. As a Support Next Steps Foster Carer, you'll work 3.5 days per week and receive an enhanced annual fee of up to £25,000. This recognises the specialist skills, flexibility, and commitment required to provide support as part of Next Steps.

Daily Allowances

When a child is placed with you, you'll receive a daily fostering allowance for each child in your care to help with costs such as food, heating and clothing. As a not-for-profit organisation, Foster Wales Flintshire is focused on what's best for children, not shareholders. Children are never bought or sold. We are here to make a difference.

You can view a breakdown of the allowance, organised by age group:

Age	0-4	5-10	11-15	16+
Allowance	£33.27	£30.44	£37.93	£37.93

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