



**Foster
with US**



Looking after you

**Fostering fees and
allowances in England**

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 £370-£640 per week in England, 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.

The following fees are examples only.

Basic weekly fee	£230 - £400
Typical weekly fee when caring for children with complex needs	£255 - £500
Basic weekly fee when caring for a parent and child	£500 - £860

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	£140 - £240
Basic weekly allowance for parents caring for a parent and child	£200

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?

Get in touch: fostering.enquiry@actionforchildren.org.uk