

## Foster Care Weekly Payment Rates 2011-2012

*For Guidance Purposes Only*

<b>Mainstream Carers</b>						
<b>(1) Reward Element</b> <i>(previously the Professional Fee) Based on Age of Child</i>	<b>Age 0 – 8</b>			<b>Age 9 –18+</b>		
The reward element is a fee for the work undertaken with each child. Carers work on a self-employed basis and declare the reward element fee for tax purposes.	£103.18			£196.70		
<b>(2) Maintenance Element</b> <i>(Previously the Maintenance Fee) Based on Age of Child</i>	<b>Age Under 2</b>	<b>Age 2 –4</b>	<b>Age 5 –8</b>	<b>Age 9 –10</b>	<b>Age 11 –15</b>	<b>Age 16 -18+</b>
Kent County Council pays a maintenance element for each child placed with a foster carer. This fee covers all the costs related to the child/young person and their care.	£133.49	£136.71	£152.88	£152.88	£173.32	£203.49
<b>(1)+(2) = Total Combined Weekly Payment</b>  Respite carers' are paid on a pro rata basis	<b>£236.67</b>	<b>£239.89</b>	<b>£256.06</b>	<b>£349.58</b>	<b>£370.02</b>	<b>£400.19</b>

<b>Specialist Schemes</b>			
<b>Specialist Fee</b>	<b>Age 0 – 16</b>		
Kent County Council pay enhanced fees for these specialist scheme carers in recognition of the skills and additional training involved in offering this type of care.	Treatment Foster Care	Therapeutic Re-Parenting Programme	Short Breaks
<b>Total Payment</b>	<b>£761.20</b> (this includes the maintenance element of £203.49)	<b>£596.89</b> (this includes the maintenance element of £203.49)	<b>£55.79</b> (mainstream reward and maintenance elements are paid in addition to this)

We promote the professionalism of the fostering service by the Payment for Skills which concentrates on carers' skill levels and if agreed, the rates are an additional £20 per week for Level 2 and £50 per week for Level 3.