

BRACKNELL FOREST FOSTERING

Age related allowances paid to foster carers

April 1st 2017 – March 31st 2018

Foster carers usually receive an allowance fortnightly which is made up of a core allowance and market supplement. The payments are calculated as follows:

Core

This allowance covers the cost of caring for a child and is paid per child, per week. It is paid as follows:

- **£160.07** per week for children aged 0 to 4 years
- **£182.33** per week for children aged 5 to 10 years
- **£226.98** per week for children aged 11 to 15 years
- **£276.11** per week for children aged 16+ years

Market supplement

Where foster carers are recruited by the council to care for looked after children from outside their own family and friend's network, the carers will be paid a market supplement over and above the core allowance. This is the remuneration element of the payment that may be subject to tax and is paid as follows:

- **£85.00** per week for children aged 0 to 4 years
- **£85.00** per week for children aged 5 to 10 years
- **£145.00** per week for children aged 11 to 15 years
- **£105.00** per week for children aged 16+ years

Example:

For a child 16+ the total weekly allowance (core + market supplement) = £381.11*

Additional payments

For carers who possess an NVQ or equivalent in a related profession, a skill supplement of **£50** is paid per week in addition to the above allowances for the first child. Additional payments also apply if the child being cared for has a disability.

*Where a 16-18 year old is cared for under Supported Lodgings, different rates apply.