

## FOSTERING FEES AND ALLOWANCES 2015 / 16

Families for Children highly values its professional foster carers and offers a package of rewards, training and support that values and recognises our carers' skills and commitment. That is why we have committed to paying our foster carers at the rates recommended by national fostering body The Fostering Network.

All Glasgow City Council foster carers receive a fee **plus** an allowance for each child/young person placed with them.

### Current weekly fostering fees

Main Scheme fostering – per child/young person	£150
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We can, in exceptional circumstances, pay a higher fee under our IFS scheme, where children and young people have exceptional needs.

### Fostering Allowances

Glasgow City Council (Families for Children) pays the level of weekly allowances recommended by The Fostering Network.

These are accepted as being a reasonable reflection of the cost of caring for a child. In addition to the weekly allowances set out below, four additional payments are paid per year: two weeks holiday, one week Christmas, and one week birthday. From September 2013 the weekly allowances rate is:

### Weekly allowance rate 2015/16

Age	2015/16
0-4	£137.18
5-10	£156.26
11-15	£194.53
16-18	£236.64

Families for Children, as Scotland's largest provider of foster care, is a busy service and our carers do not as a rule experience waiting times between placements – unless they wish to do so. As the corporate parent for all of Glasgow's children, we will always place children with our own foster carers wherever possible, rather than purchase places from independent providers. This means that as, a Families for Children foster carer, you will have the chance to do the role you trained for – supporting Glasgow's children on an ongoing basis as part of a busy service.