

Foster Carer Allowances & Remuneration

Money is not the reason people foster, but it is part of what makes fostering possible. We speak openly about allowances because carers deserve clarity, consistency, and the reassurance that the financial side will support the work they are doing.

At Soundly Fostering, our allowances are designed to help you meet the child's day-to-day needs and to recognise the emotional and practical commitment that fostering requires. We make sure carers have the resources to provide stability, opportunities, and a nurturing home, without needing to carry the financial burden alone.

Standard Allowance

Most fostering arrangements fall within this level.

Carers can receive up to £25,500 per child per year, which includes:

- A 14-night short-break allowance
- Birthday and holiday allowances
- Additional support funding if a child's needs change or unexpected costs arise

This allowance is intended to cover everything a child might need, as well as recognising the time, energy, and emotional labour that fostering requires.

Enhanced Fostering

Some children have additional needs or require a higher level of emotional and practical support.

Enhanced allowances reflect this responsibility, with carers receiving up to £38,500 per child per year, inclusive of short breaks and additional payments.

We'll talk openly about what enhanced fostering looks like and what support is available to you if this is something you're considering.



Helping You Navigate Tax & Financial Admin

Fostering comes with generous tax allowances, but the process can feel overwhelming when you're new to it. We'll guide you through:

- registering as self-employed
- understanding fostering tax relief
- record-keeping
- annual tax returns
- what expenses you can and can't claim

You won't be left to figure any of this out alone; we'll help you understand each step so you feel confident and informed.

Transparency & Integrity in Everything We Do

We believe in being upfront about finances. That means:

- No hidden deductions
- No confusing payment structures
- No delays in payment
- Clear explanations about what each allowance covers
- Honest conversations about what to expect

Money won't be the focus of your fostering journey, but it shouldn't be a source of uncertainty. We'll make sure you have the clarity you need.