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# Rates and charges payable 2022 – 23

Information on revised rates  
and charges for 2022 – 23 for  
Children's Social Work

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# About this booklet

## **Welcome to the Children's Social Work information booklet, containing all the revised rates and charges administered by Kent County Council.**

The rates payable and charges levied are subject to review during the year. We hope you find the booklet both informative and handy for quick reference.

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# Payments for Fostering and charges for Adoption and other services

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## 1 Foster Care Payments

With effect from 1 April 2022, the rates below (per week) will be paid:

	Age - Years						
	Under 2	2-4	5-8	9-10	11-15	16-17	18+
Maintenance Element All foster placements	£163.69	£169.08	£186.31	£186.31	£213.23	£248.77	£248.77
Reward Element Non-related placements only	£121.15			£237.71			

### Note:

Connected Person foster placements receive only maintenance element unless the required training is undertaken. All other KCC Local Authority foster carers are required to undertake the training and therefore receive both reward and maintenance elements.

## 2 Foster Care Skills Based Payments

Payments to reward foster carers for their level of skills.

With effect from 1 April 2022, the rates below will apply:

<b>Skilled</b>	£22.71
<b>Advanced</b>	£56.74

### 3 Specialist Foster Care Payments

With effect from 1 April 2022, the rates below will apply:

	Age - Years	
	0 - 8	9 - 16
Solo/Complex Reward (per week) Plus maintenance according to age	£250.30	£475.42
Parent and Child Enhanced Reward (per week) Plus maintenance for parent and child according to age		£600.57

#### Note:

All foster carers will receive one consolidated weekly payment which will incorporate all the fixed allowances, including maintenance/personal allowance, etc for the child.

Incorporated into the national minimum payment (maintenance element) is financial provision for carer's holidays, birthdays, religious observances & Christmas.

### 4 Disability Enhancement Payments

An enhancement will be paid to all foster carers of disabled children who are open to the Disabled Children's Service or Sensory Loss Team. There will be an assessment by the child's social worker to determine the level of needs, presented to the funding panel and the enhancement rate will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

<b>Standard Rate</b>	£71.31
<b>Enhanced Rate</b>	£95.08

## 5 Kent Supported Homes Hosts

Host/s can receive two levels of payment; **standard** or **enhanced**, which is dependent on an assessment of the young persons need for support and agreed by the 18+ Care Leavers Head of Service.

Level of support	Weekly support	Weekly payment	Rent
Standard	Up to 15 hours per week	£154.50	In line with Local Housing Rate
Enhanced	Up to 25 hours per week	£257.50	In line with Local Housing Rate
Mother and baby arrangement	As needed and agreed on an individual basis	£309.00	In line with local Universal Credit housing allowance rate

For 16 and 17-year-olds (& 18-year-olds in some circumstances i.e. those in receipt of Employment & Support Allowance and not in work) not eligible to receive Universal Credit the Host will receive a Rent payment of £72.10 per week

In addition to the support and rent payments above, Hosts will receive a £10 per week contribution towards utilities from the young person and a £20 per week contribution towards food, if this is agreed as part of the young persons support plan.

## 6 Foster Carers Mileage Rate

With effect from 1 April 2022, the mileage rate for foster carers will remain at 45p per mile.

## 7 Sessional & Day Care Rates

With effect from 1 April 2022, the below hourly rates for sessional work & day care will apply:

Sessional Work	£10.45
Day Care	£10.45

## 8 Emergency Foster Carer Payments

With effect from 1 April 2022, a weekly retainer of £250 will apply for Emergency Foster Care.

An enhancement will be paid to Emergency Bed Foster Carers of children or young people whose care plan requires a more specialised environment to meet their holistic needs. The payment is based on the highest care rate of Disability Living Allowance. There will be an assessment to determine the level of needs, and the enhancement rate will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

## 9 Essential Living Allowance

With effect from 1 April 2022, an Essential Living Allowance of £61.05 per week will apply for relevant persons.

## 10 Adoption Service Charges

### Inter-Agency Charges

Charges are agreed by a number of Government and Voluntary Agencies

#### Local Authorities

One Child	£27,000
2 Siblings	£43,000
3+ Siblings	£60,000

#### Voluntary Adoption Agencies

One Child	£33,871
2 Siblings	£54,630
3 Siblings	£74,297
4 Siblings	£85,222
5 Siblings	Negotiated on an individual basis
Ongoing supervision	£939.00

## 11 Adoption Order, Special Guardianship Order and Child Arrangements Order Allowances

**1** The local authority recognises that a Child Arrangements Order, Special Guardianship Order or an Adoption Order is evidence that a family/friend carer wishes to make a permanent and substantial commitment to the upbringing of the child/young person. This commitment should be taken to include a willingness to meet the costs associated with the role of the child's primary caregiver. The acceptance of responsibility for children always involves change and sometimes this will involve a change in the standard of living;

**2** Any financial support provided by the local authority must complement and not duplicate any other financial support being provided for the child; either through state benefits, tax allowances or any financial contributions made by the birth parents or other family members. The support provided by the Children's Services of the authority is not meant to be an alternative to making claims for benefits and tax credits available from other sources;

**3** The allocation of resources needs to be done consistently having regard to the demands on the authority's resources and the needs of other families, therefore:

- a) Decisions are made by managers and panels and not by the allocated workers;
- b) Means tests are usually applied;
- c) Any regular payments will be subject to periodic review to establish whether the needs of the family require the continued support and if so whether the level should be changed (increased or decreased).



## 12 Voluntary Escorts/Workers Mileage Rates

With effect from 1 April 2022, the rate will remain at 45p per mile.

## 13 Other Local Authority Charges

In line with the regional inter authority protocol, with effect from 1 April 2022 the charges below will apply:

Fostering Service

<b>Social Work Support</b> (excluding travel)	£80.98 (per hour)
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General Review and Assessment

<b>Assessment Rate</b>	£80.98 (per hour)
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\*Note Admin fee per invoice is £25.00

### Residential Respite Service

The charge to other local authorities for the use of in-house respite residential beds will be agreed by the operational service on an individual basis, and will be calculated on the basis of full cost recovery.

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