

Fostering Fee Rates at Other Local Authorities

The tables below show Leicestershire’s 2017/18 fees compared to the published rates of some of its neighbouring local authorities where data is available.

Mainstream Comparison Rates

Mainstream Entry Level Equivalent Payments (LCC levels 0 and 1)								
Ages	LCC level 0	LCC Level 1	Nottinghamshire	Derbyshire¹	Leicester City	Northamptonshire	Warwickshire	Derby City Council*
0-4	£128	£160	£138	£137 -£139	£126	£206	£269	£146
5-10	£141	£176	£151	£154	£139		£289	£166
11-16	£161	£201	£171	£176	£159	£274	£329	£201
16+	£188	£235	£198	£206	£185		£373	£241

Mainstream Level 2 Equivalent Payments

¹ Derbyshire also pay a retention rate of £50% of the skills allowance for the first three months that a foster carer is available but has no placements, and 25% of the fostering skills allowance rate for any further three months.

Ages	LCC	Nottinghamshire	Derbyshire	Leicester City	Northamptonshire	Warwickshire	Derby City Council ²
0-4	£192	£160	£153 -£155	£176	£258	£351	£146
5-10	£212	£173	£170	£189		£371	£166
11-16	£242	£193	£192	£209	£326	£411	£201
16+	£282	£220	£222	£235		£455	£241

Mainstream Level 3 Equivalent Payments							
Ages	LCC	Nottinghamshire	Derbyshire	Leicester City	Northamptonshire	Warwickshire	Derby City Council*
0-4	£224	£182	£167 - £169	£226	£310.85	£427.94	£146.15
5-10	£247	£195	£184	£239		£447.81	£166.48
11-16	£282	£215	£206	£259	£379.24	£487.66	£201.95
16+	£329	£242	£236	£285		£531.52	241.72

² *Extra financial support ranging from £80 to £300 per week is available for foster carers who look children with disabilities, special needs and challenging behavior.

Specialist Comparison Rates

Short Breaks		
Local Authority	Scheme Name	Equivalent Weekly Rate
LCC Current 2017/18	Short Break Level 1	£415
	Short Break Level 2	£510
LCC Proposed 2018/19	Short Break Level 1	£510
	Short Break Level 2	£690
Nottinghamshire	Home from Home	£756
	Contract Care	Annual salary of £23k to £27k plus fostering allowances pro rate
Northamptonshire	Family Link Carers	£680.05
Derbyshire	Disability Contract Care	From £602 to £662 per week
Oxfordshire	Short Break Level 1	From £371 to £465
	Short Break Level 2	From £504 to £606
Surrey County Council	Short Break	From £381 to £467
	Fee paid short break	Allowance per night plus weekly retaining fee of £200

Emergency Foster Care		
Local Authority	Scheme Name	Equivalent Weekly Rate
LCC Current 2017/18	Emergency Fostering	£424 to £529
LCC Proposed 2018/19	Emergency Fostering	£509 to £654
Warwickshire	Emergency Rate	£393 to £458 (assuming entry level carer)
Northumberland	Emergency Rate	£360 per week

Parent and Child Foster Care		
Local Authority	Scheme Name	Equivalent Weekly Rate
LCC Current 2017/18	Parent and Child	£440

LCC Proposed 2018/19	Parent and Child	£660
Warwickshire	Parent and Child	£640.40
Lancashire	Parent and Child	£556
Coventry	Parent and Child	£825.16
Oxfordshire	Parent and Child	£641.30
West Sussex	Parent and Child	£735.70
Haringey	Parent and Child	£867

Respite Specialist Foster Care		
Local Authority	Scheme Name	Equivalent Weekly Rate
LCC Current 2017/18	Respite	£224 to £329
LCC Proposed 2018/19	Respite	£226 to £332
Derbyshire	Contract Carers	£474 per week plus allowances

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