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Dear Foster Carer

Re: Changes to Carmarthenshire Fostering Allowances

I confirm that we are providing an update on the fostering allowance rates for Carmarthenshire following the recent guidance from the Welsh Assembly Government on maintenance allowances for April 2018-2019. These rates will be effective from 15th April 2018.

These rates will ensure that all Carmarthenshire foster carers (friends & family and mainstream) are receiving an allowance in line with the Welsh Government recommended allowance relating to 2018-2019.

We have reviewed our rates and the age bands for the children will now fall in line with Welsh Government and this will be across 3 age band categories.

Should you wish to discuss any issue in this letter please do not hesitate to contact your Supervising Social Worker or Team Manager.

Yours sincerely



Jayne Meredith
Service Manager
Fostering

New rates effective from 15th April 2018

NEW WEEKLY ALLOWANCES - from April 2018

Age of Child	0 – 4	5 – 10	11 – 15	16+
Basic Maintenance W.G recommended rate 2018-2019 for Mainstream and Family & Friends	£175	£159	£159	£199
Carmarthenshire rates at April 2017	£175	£160	£170	£195
Age of Child	0 – 4	5 – 15		16+
New payment from April 2018	£180	£175		£200
Payment for Skills/To Foster Core Training Allowance	£40	£40		£50
Placement availability	£10	£35		£35
Potential total allowance	£230	£250		£285
Parent and Baby Allowance	New Rates £475 weekly allowance Paid at basic maintenance age band £125			
Additional Child				
Additional payment for second partner				
Age of Child	0 – 4	5 – 10	11 – 15	16+
Initial Clothing Grant	£100	£130	£130	£130
School Uniform Allowance Primary/Junior/Secondary School	£100	£100	£200	£200
Pocket Money Guidance /Savings Recommended	£4	£6	£10	£30*
Personal Allowance (16+) = *				