

# Could fostering be your next career move?

Example:

## Level three foster carer

Anthony and Sarah care for 2 siblings Robert aged 11 years old and Jenny 13 years old. Anthony gave up work and is their full time foster carer, Sarah works part time in a bakery. Robert and Jenny were relieved when they found out they would be living together, rather than with separate foster families.

### Anthony and Sarah receive:

Fostering allowance: **£161.00 per child**

Level three payment: **£160.02 per child**

Total per week: **£321.02 per child**

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Total per week: **£642.04 for both children**

Additional summer

2 weeks allowance: **£322.00 per child**

Additional Christmas

2 weeks allowance: **£322.00 per child**

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**Total per year: £35,962.08**

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“ my wife was working up to 70 hours a week, since she gave up work fostering has brought a family lifestyle back for us. ”

### Tax allowance

Foster carers are entitled to a fixed tax exemption of £10,000.

In addition to this, they can also get tax relief for each week a child is in their care. Tax relief of £200 per child/per week under 11 years old or £250 per child/per week for children over 11 years old.

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## Level four foster carer

David is a foster carer for a 12-year-old boy. He has experience of caring for children and is a level four foster carer he would receive:

Fostering allowance:	<b>£161.00</b>
Level four payment:	<b>£235.41</b>
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Total per week:	<b>£396.41</b>
Additional summer 2 weeks allowance:	<b>£322.00</b>
Additional Christmas 2 weeks allowance:	<b>£322.00</b>
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<b>Total per year:</b>	<b>£21,257.32</b>

If David had another spare bedroom and was able to offer another child of a similar age a foster placement, the above payment would double per week.

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**“ I work off shore and have just completed a £2.6m innovation project but nothing compares to the positive experiences of fostering. ”**

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