

4 FOSTERING ALLOWANCES 2008/09 (AN74-2008)

It is recommended that the undernoted rates for 2008/09 are paid, with effect from 31st March, 2008:-

ACE Carer and FEE Carer fees

These fees, as previously agreed by the Social Work Committee, are linked to staff pay scales and will be increased in line with equivalent points on Single Status pay scales when 2008/09 Pay Award is known.

Adoption Allowances (weekly)

It is recommended that Adoption Age Allowances are increased in line with the 2008/09 increase to staff pay scales once known.

Link and Residence Allowances

The amount paid is the equivalent of income support rates. It is recommended that these allowances are increased in line with increase in income support rates.

Fostering Allowances

With effect from 31st December, 2007, Social Work and Health Committee approved an increase in rates from 78% to 95% of Fostering Network Rates. It is recommended that in line with this principle, weekly rates are increased to the following with effect from 31st March, 2008.

	<u>2007/08 Weekly Rate</u>	<u>2008/09 Weekly Rate</u>
	£	£
Age Allowance 00-04	112.67	115.60
Age Allowance 05-10	128.35	131.68
Age Allowance 11-15	159.77	163.92
Age Allowance 16-18	194.32	199.37

All Other Allowances

With the exception of bus passes, it is recommended that these remain unchanged for 2008/09, as shown below:-

	<u>2008/09</u>
Custody Age Allowance 05-10	£77.72 per week
Custody Age Allowance 11-15	£96.75 per week
Nappies	£6.25 per week
Night Nappies	£3.13 per week
Multi Placement (Allowance Carers)	£8.00 per week
Mileage	34p per mile
Adult Bus Pass	£9.50 per week
Child Bus Pass	£5.70 per week