

### **Kinship allowances paid to Formal Kinship Carers**

Inverclyde Council provides a kinship allowance to carers who meet certain criteria and have been assessed and approved by social work services as Formal Kinship.

Please see table below for allowances

Age	Allowance
0 - 4 years	£168.31
5 - 10 years	£195.81
11 - 15 years	£195.81
16 plus	£381.25

Allowances are paid fortnightly in advance and how much you receive will be dependent upon your individual financial situation at the time of being approved. For example, child benefit will be automatically deducted from the allowance noted above as would some other benefits received relating to the child. Therefore, it is essential that a financial review is undertaken by one of our welfare rights officers to ensure that you are receiving the appropriate financial support. There will be a yearly review thereafter or earlier if your financial circumstances change.

#### Additional payments

Supplementary to the allowances paid you will also receive an additional five weeks payments throughout the year as follows.

- At a child/Young Persons birthday
- Two weeks allowance will be paid in June to cover the extra expenditure incurred during the school holidays
- In September to contribute towards expenditure over the year for items such as school trips etc.
- In December for religious festivals.

