

**Authorisation and Criteria: Adoption Allowances, Adoption Settling in Grant, Mileage and accommodations costs for introductions, legal costs for adoption order applications:**

<b>Category - in house and interagency adopters (where we are placing Kent looked after child).</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Authorising Manager/budget holder</b>
Settling in Grant for in house adopters	Up to £400 per child in exceptional circumstances*	Assessment, Adoption Team Manager
Settling in Grant for inter-agency adopters	Up to £400 per child in exceptional circumstances*	Family Finding Adoption Team Manager
Mileage for introductions for in house adopters*	Over 50 miles (35 pence per mile)	Assessment, Adoption Team Manager
Accommodation for introductions for in house adopters*	Up to 80 pounds per 24 hour period, up to 3 nights *	Assessment, Adoption Team Manager
Mileage for introductions for inter agency adopters*	Over 50 miles (35 pence per mile)	Family Finding Adoption Team Manager
Accommodation for introductions for inter agency adopters*	Up to 80 pounds per 24 hour period, up to 3 nights *	Family Finding Adoption Team Manager
<b>*please note mileage and accommodation costs for foster carers must be agreed by the child care social work team manager &amp; paid from the District budget</b>	<b>*Receipts must be provided. Anything above 3 nights must be authorized by the Head of Adoption Service</b>	
Legal Fees for adoption order application	£170 per application	Child Care Team Manager
Legal Fees for complex cases to support the adopters	Up to £3,000 maximum.	Child Care Team Manager. Any additional funding to

		be authorized by the Director/Assistant Director
Adoption Support Allowance	One off payment or regular payments*	Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Finance Board (to be paid from Adoption Support Budget other than <u>Staying Together</u> cases which are District funded)
	<b>*Please note the paperwork will need to be completed by the child care social worker supported by the adoption social worker or family finding social worker (for inter-agency placements)</b>	
Post Adoption Order Adoption Support Allowances	One off payment or regular payments*	Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Finance Board
	<b>*Please note the paperwork will need to be completed by the Post Adoption Social Worker from the Post Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Team</b>	