

MILEAGE Guidance:

Claiming mileage is based on trust however there are concerns that not everyone is following the same general 'trust rules'.

Every family takes a holiday/s and we would recruit foster carers on the basis that they can provide such family opportunities to foster children– mileage should be shared amongst passengers ie birth children or additional adult passengers.

Every family enjoys days out for picnics, to special events, to have a walk etc. similarly, mileage should be shared between passengers.

There is a proportion of the allowance that is expected to be used towards activities too.

No claim should be made where the decision to walk instead of taking the car is possible – it's good to walk and healthy lifestyles are encouraged.

Shopping – every family needs to shop so claims would not usually be expected. Specific shopping might be for school uniform where the child needs to try on uniform – the **nearest** town is acceptable – given most children do not enjoy long shopping trips.

Taking the child to school **is** necessary so mileage should be claimed however onward journeys from schools, eg. for training, after school activity should not mean mileage claims begin from home, the shortest journey should always be claimed. Where birth children also complete the same journey this is also shared.

We respectfully ask that you carefully consider your mileage claims – we appreciate that we may need to prescribe through policy on this but feel that the trust basis is really appropriate for foster carers.

Kind regards

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