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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06791**

Thank you for your request for information relating to special guardianship allowances.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Please can you advise me if you pay additional allowances for birthdays, Christmas, festivals and how can a special guardian apply for this?**

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

[https://coventrychildcare.proceduresonline.com/p\\_app\\_spec\\_guard.html#financial\\_support](https://coventrychildcare.proceduresonline.com/p_app_spec_guard.html#financial_support)

In accordance with Special Guardianship Guidance, Coventry City Council pay means tested allowances to all Special Guardians as detailed in the above policy. There is no standard entitlement to additional allowances for birthdays, Christmas or festivals.

Any exceptions to the means tested allowance, including where the Special Guardian is a student, are considered by the Looked After Children Exceptional Allowances Panel.

**2. Please can you advise of the frame work in which a full-time university student is assessed for special guardianship allowance?**

Please refer to Question 1.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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