



# Junior ISA

A Junior ISA is a tax-efficient savings initiative designed to allow adults to save on behalf of a child. The money in the account belongs to the child, which they will gain access to at age 18. If they don't need the money, it will automatically roll over into an Adult ISA, so your child can save for longer. There are two different types of Junior ISAs available, Cash and Stocks and Shares; and you can save in one or a combination of both if your child is eligible.

## Our Junior ISA

Our Stocks and Shares Junior ISA is a simple and affordable way of building up a tax-free lump sum for their future. If you are investing for the medium to long-term, our Junior ISA may be more suitable, by offering more potential for growth rather than saving in a bank or building society account where inflation could eat away at the interest made.

Even if your child already has a Cash Junior ISA you are still able to take out our Junior ISA. Of course, if your child already has a Stocks and Shares or a Cash Junior ISA or a Child Trust Fund (CTF) you may want to consider transferring to us. We make no charge for any transfer.

## Saving with us at a glance

- Tax-efficient savings, starting from as little as £10 a month, up to £9,000 each tax year.
- Simple to invest - the fund is professionally managed by Schroders.
- Risk-controlled investing approach - with a diverse spread of assets.
- One simple, low charge of 1.5%, reducing to 1% after 10 years – no other hidden charges.
- The child will have access to the money at age 18, with the option to continue saving in an ISA.
- Family and friends can contribute too.
- A personal Financial Adviser will be on hand as and when you require.
- Manage the Plan online, visit [foresters.com/MyPlans](https://foresters.com/MyPlans)

## The role of the Registered Contact

The Registered Contact is responsible for managing the Plan so should keep all of the Plan information safe, report changes such as change of address and is the only person who can change the account or provider.

At age 16, a child whose Junior ISA was opened by a person with parental responsibility can become the Registered Contact and manage their own Plan if they wish to.



## Your investment

Your investment will be looked after by the experts at Schroders who make the investment decisions on your behalf with a risk-controlled sustainable approach.

Schroders is an independent, dedicated asset manager with a strong heritage and culture based on over 200 years' experience of investment markets.

Our Junior ISA is a unit-linked Plan and meets Government standards required to be a stakeholder product. This means it is a straightforward, risk-controlled, low cost product – where charges are no more than 1.5% of the fund value, reducing to 1% after 10 years. This single annual charge takes into account our administration and investment management costs.

Contributions will be used to purchase units in the Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1 Fund which moves to the Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1A Fund after 10 years. The funds have an identical investment philosophy but the latter benefits from a lower charge.

Whilst our Junior ISA meets the standard for a stakeholder scheme this does not necessarily mean that the investment is suitable for you or that there is any guarantee of performance.

**As with all stock market investments the value may fall as well as rise and the child may get back less than has been invested.**

## Contributions

Contribute from £10 by Direct Debit or standing order for monthly contributions, or from £20 for single contributions by cheque and/or direct from your bank (direct credit); you can also make debit card payments online and by phone.

Direct Debits can be amended at any time, subject to a minimum of £5 per month. All contributions to the Junior ISA are considered a gift and cannot be returned.



## Manage your savings online

View your child's Plan value, fund information and make contributions online - visit [foresters.com/MyPlans](https://foresters.com/MyPlans)



## Choice in how you do business

You can do business with us in a way that suits you. Whether that's online with MyPlans, by phone, post or with a Forester Life Financial Adviser.



## What our customers think

Our customers and members rate us 4.7 out of 5 stars, for providing a great service.



Protected

## Your child's money is protected

100% of your child's savings are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

To keep pace with inflation monthly contributions will automatically increase in line with the Retail Price Index, subject to a minimum of 2.5%. We will write to you each year to let you know this is happening, and if you do not wish for your contribution to increase, just let us know 14 days before this is due.

### **Keeping you informed**

You will receive a statement showing the value of the Plan each year, however you can check the value of your child's Plan at any time with MyPlans - [foresters.com/MyPlans](https://foresters.com/MyPlans)

### **Transfers**

You are entitled to transfer between ISA managers and our Forester Life Junior ISA can be transferred at no charge.

We accept transfers from both Stocks and Shares and Cash Junior ISAs and CTFs. If you are transferring a Cash Junior ISA this can be transferred in full or in part, however Stocks and Shares Junior ISAs and CTFs need to be transferred in full.

Once a CTF has been transferred to a Junior ISA it cannot be transferred back. If you are transferring from a Cash Junior ISA or Cash CTF you should note that there will now be some risk to your capital.

Forester Life does not give advice on transfers. If you are in any doubt about a transfer you should seek full financial advice.

### **Accessing the money**

All savings are locked in until the Planholder's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. At least a month before the Planholder reaches 18 we will write to them providing the details of the options available following their birthday.

On their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday the Junior ISA will mature and automatically be transferred to an ISA in their name. The ISA will continue to invest in the same fund as before, with the same charges. From age 18 onwards the Planholder will have a variety of options, of accessing the money and continuing to save.

### **Other information**

In the unfortunate event of the Planholder's death before age 18 we will pay out 101% of the value of the Junior ISA to the Planholder's legal personal representatives.

### **Tax treatment**

The amount paid to the Planholder at age 18 is completely free from Income and Capital Gains Tax.

The tax benefits of the Junior ISA cease from the date of the Planholder's death. Benefits paid out on death form part of the deceased's estate and could be subject to inheritance tax.

Tax treatment depends on individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future.

### **If you change your mind**

Once your application is accepted, you will be issued your Plan Documents and a notice of your right to cancel. You have 30 days from receipt of this notice to cancel your application.

Should you cancel, any contributions returned may be lower if the value of units bought on your child's behalf has fallen.

If the Junior ISA application is a transfer to us from a CTF, after the transfer completes you cannot transfer back to a CTF.

If you exercise the right to cancel a transfer to us, the amount subsequently returned to the previous ISA manager may be lower if the price of units bought on your behalf has fallen in the meantime.

### **If you are unhappy with our service**

We take the concerns of our customers very seriously. If you are unhappy with any aspect of the service provided by us, please write to the Customer Relations Officer, Forester Life, Foresters House, 2 Cromwell Avenue, Bromley BR2 9BF.

If we do not deal with your complaint to your satisfaction, you can complain to: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR (telephone 0300 123 9123, email [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk) or visit ([www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)). Making a complaint will not prejudice your right to take legal action.

You can view the Forester Life customer complaints procedure at [foresters.com](http://foresters.com) or phone 0333 600 0333 for a copy.

### **Important information**

All Forester Life Plans are subject to the law of England and Wales. We will always communicate with you using the English language.

Forester Life fulfils the EU standards for meeting financial obligations. You may view our Solvency and Financial Condition Report on our website at [foresters.com/SFCR](http://foresters.com/SFCR)

Full details are set out in the Terms and Conditions which will be provided with your Plan Document. This will be sent to you after your application is accepted. A specimen copy is available on request.

At Foresters Financial we provide products, advice and service that embrace financial sense and simplicity. If there is anything in this brochure you don't understand, or you have special needs, please let us know.

This information is issued by Forester Life Limited, Foresters House, 2 Cromwell Avenue, Bromley BR2 9BF. This information should be read in conjunction with the Junior ISA Key Information Document for any new Junior ISAs taken out or transferred to us. Information is based on our current understanding of legislation and tax practice as at December 2021, which may change in the future.