

## Endorsement Section

Each application must be sponsored and endorsed by a **qualified medical or healthcare professional**. This may be a doctor, nurse, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, GP, social worker etc. If in doubt please call us for advice.

## Illness

React may only help when a child's illness is considered to be **life-threatening** or will **shorten their lifespan**. The severity of the illness will be taken into account.

## Comment

**The sponsor must specifically endorse the item(s) requested.** Any supporting letters are welcome, the more information, the better.

## Correspondence

Please tick the box to indicate where correspondence should be sent. Please note, we may approach either the sponsor or family with queries relating to the application.

Sponsors must **sign and date** the application form on both the endorsement and financial section.

Finally, if you have any queries, don't be afraid to give us a call! React's friendly staff are always happy to answer questions and offer appropriate advice.

Your sponsor may already have a blank application form, if not call us on 020 8940 2575 or download from our website: [www.reactcharity.org](http://www.reactcharity.org)

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### Your Details:

**Name** .....

**Address** .....

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**Postcode** .....

### Please send me:

- Newsletter
- Application Form
- Holiday Leaflet
- I am a parent
- I am a sponsor

Post to: **React, St Luke's House, 270 Sandycombe Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3NP**  
Email: [react@reactcharity.org](mailto:react@reactcharity.org) Website: [www.reactcharity.org](http://www.reactcharity.org)

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## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

*If English is not your first language and you would like assistance to make an application, please telephone the React office where we will try our best to help you.*

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## Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal illness

### How can React help?

React is able to provide practical assistance to families living on a low income and caring for a child with a life-shortening illness. We make awards every day and respond to all requests within days, or hours for those deemed most urgent.

#### React can provide a broad range of items and considers most requests.

However, if you would like to check whether or not a specific item fits our criteria, you can always call us on 020 8940 2575 and one of our Family Liaison Officers will be happy to advise you.

Here are some examples of how we can help:

#### • **Specialist Equipment**

*Items not funded by the Local Authority, which could be...*

**Mobility Equipment** – wheelchairs, buggies, hoists, car seats etc...

**Specialist Furniture** – postural chairs, adjustable beds, hypoallergenic mattresses etc...

**Educational/Developmental** - fibre optics, communication and speech aids, sensory toys, computers, laptops, touch screen tablets etc...

**Medical Equipment** – monitors, beds, spa baths, nebulisers, etc...

#### • **Homecare Equipment**

*Household items necessary for a comfortable environment...*

**Flooring** – carpets, laminate, hardwood, tiles and vinyl etc...

**Kitchen Appliances** – washing machines, fridge freezers, cookers etc...

**Furniture** – beds, cots, sofas, curtains, storage etc...

**Clothing & Bedding** – replacing soiled bedding or clothes, etc...

#### • **Travel & subsistence expenses...**

*To assist with the financial expense during long hospital stays.*

#### • **Respite breaks...**

*Week long holiday breaks at one of React's holiday homes based at six seaside locations around the UK.*

#### • **End of life support...**

*Assistance with funeral expenses and memorial headstones.*

Please note React will not contribute towards **trips overseas, structural building works, private treatment** or the **purchase of motor vehicles**.

### How to fill in the form.

We've tried to keep it simple, but obviously the more information you can provide the better! If you want to write more but run out of space please use another sheet of paper.

### Purpose of application...

Tell us **what you need** and **why**. You may apply for more than one item, but if so list them in order of priority, giving reasons why they are needed and exact prices for each. For applications requesting a holiday at one of our mobile homes just write 'React Holiday'. (*Holidays elsewhere may only be considered if there is sufficient good reason as to why a React mobile home would be unsuitable.*)

Requests should be of a **basic or essential need** which will benefit the child's quality of life in some way. React will not fund retrospectively unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Please supply a **written quote** or **exact price** where appropriate. Requests for funeral expenses must be accompanied by an invoice.

### ...any other applications?

Tell us who you've applied to and whether or not you've been successful or are still waiting to hear the result. If your request is for medical equipment, let us know if your Local Authority has been approached and will consider funding.

### Payment

React purchases equipment directly from the **supplier**, so please remember to write the name of the retailer. In some cases awards such as hospital expenses may be made payable to the parent or carer.

### Amount Requested

Write the **total amount** requested, or if applying for a React holiday leave blank.

### Financial Declaration

Please complete **all relevant columns of the Financial Status Questionnaire**.

Please ensure the totals are accurate, giving **monthly** figures. If you need to explain irregular expenses or changes in income/ expenditure please add further information on another sheet of paper.

Don't forget to **sign and date** your form!