

Endorsement Section

Each application must be 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 React for advice.

Illness

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

Comment

The sponsor must specifically endorse all item(s) requested. Supporting letters are welcome as are emails or phone calls.

Correspondence

Applications can be accepted via email or post. Please find React's contact details below.

Both the family and sponsor **must** verify they have seen the application, either through signature or email confirmation.

If an endorsement and physical signature cannot be obtained by a sponsor, please scan, post or send a clear photograph of your application to your chosen medical or healthcare professional, with instructions to complete the endorsement and forward the application to React. Sponsors must **sign and date** the application form on the endorsement section.

Further information may be required and React may contact the sponsor endorsing the application or family. *Please be assured, all information is confidential and will not be shared outside React.*

Finally, if you have any queries, don't be afraid to pick up the phone! The React Team are always happy to answer questions and will offer appropriate advice.

Your sponsor may already hold a blank application form, if not call us on 020 8940 2575 or download from our website: www.reactcharity.org

Post to: **React, St Luke's House, 270 Sandycombe Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3NP**
Email: react@reactcharity.org Website: 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 provides practical assistance to families caring for a child with a life-shortening illness. The charity makes awards every day and will respond to requests within days or hours for those deemed most urgent.

React can provide a broad range of items and will consider any request considered a **basic, essential need**. If you would like to check whether or not a specific item fits React's criteria, give us a call on 020 8940 2575 where a Family Liaison Officer 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, specialist 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 clothing, 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 four 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 application form...

We've tried to keep it simple but 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, and if so, list them in order of priority, giving reasons why they are needed and the exact price for each item. For applications requesting a holiday at one of the charity's mobile home sites just write 'React Holiday'. (*Holidays elsewhere will 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 a child's quality of life in some way. React will **not** fund retrospectively unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Please supply a **written quote/estimate** or **exact price** where appropriate.

...any other applications?

Tell us who you've applied to and the response received to date. If your request is for medical equipment, let us know if your Local Authority has been approached and if it will consider funding.

Payment

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

Amount Requested

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

Financial Declaration

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

Please ensure the totals are as accurate as possible, providing **monthly** figures in each section. If you need to explain irregular expenses or changes in income, please add further information on another sheet of paper.

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