

Endorsement Section

Each application must be endorsed by a qualified medical or healthcare professional. This may be a Doctor, Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, GP or Social Worker.

What is the illness?

Our support is available for children whose life-shortening condition means they are not expected to reach early adulthood.

How will the item(s) be of direct benefit to the child?

The sponsor must specifically endorse all item(s) requested, confirming their suitability. Supporting letters and emails are welcome. For specialist equipment which will affect a child's breathing or posture, endorsement from an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist is required.

Parent/Guardian Section

What are you applying for today?

Indicate whether you are applying for support to buy an item(s)/assistance and/or holiday. A member of the team will be in touch to discuss the holiday details. You are welcome to request both an item and a holiday – one will not impact the other.

What do you need?

- Please list exact item(s)/assistance required including price and supplier including a link or screenshot. Please also include an official quote from the supplier for specialist equipment.
- Order items by priority if request is for more than one item.
- We cannot fund item(s) that have already been purchased.

How will this benefit your child?

The item should meet a basic or essential need which will benefit the child's quality of life. Please explain how the requested item(s) meets this criteria.

What is being used currently and why is it no longer suitable?

This will help us understand the need for the requested item(s).

Are these items available through your local health authority or another organisation, such as the Family Fund? If yes, have you applied and what is the response to date? This will help us understand if React is best placed to support.

Financial Status

Please answer all sections using figures based on your entire household as this will help us understand the need for support.

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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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In the unlikely event you are unhappy with our service, please email react@reactcharity.org marking your correspondence for the attention of the Director.

Post to: React, Building 3, Chiswick Park, 566 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5YA
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React Practical Assistance

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 and essential need**. Some examples of how we have helped in the past are:

- **Specialist Equipment**

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

Mobility Equipment – wheelchairs, buggies, hoists, car seats

Specialist Furniture – postural chairs, adjustable beds, hypoallergenic mattresses, specialist baths

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

- **Homecare Equipment**

Household items necessary for the child's comfortable and hygienic environment.

- **Travel & Subsistence Expenses**

To assist with the financial expenses associated with long hospital inpatient admissions.

- **End of Life Support**

Assistance with funeral expenses and memorial headstones.

How to Submit an Application

Applications can be accepted via email or post.

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.

React Respite Holidays

React provides mobile home holidays throughout the UK enabling families to enjoy a week long break away from the stress of everyday life.

The homes are perfectly located in family-friendly parks and include passes to onsite entertainment.

Although not specially adapted, each home is 12ft wide, fully furnished to a high standard and include three bedrooms that can comfortably accommodate up to six people.

Families can choose from 8 sites across the UK as seen below :



Please indicate on your application form if you are interested in booking a React holiday and we will be in touch to confirm the details. Requesting a holiday will have no impact on the outcome of your grant application.

Further Contact

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

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

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.