

Endorsement Section

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

Illness

React may only help when the child's illness is considered as **life-threatening** or has the potential to **shorten their lifespan**. The severity of the illness will be taken into account, and if in any doubt we will consult the medical sponsor.

Comment

The sponsor must specifically endorse the item(s) requested. Any supporting letters are also welcome.

Correspondence

Please tick the box to whom our general correspondence should be addressed. Please note we may approach either the sponsor or family with queries relating to your application.

The sponsor must **sign and date** your application.

Finally, if you have any queries don't be afraid to give us a call! Our friendly staff are always happy to answer questions- alternatively ask your sponsor for advice.

Your sponsor may already have a blank application form, if not call us on 020 8940 2575.

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 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 is able to provide practical assistance to families living on a low income and who care for a child with a life-limiting illness. We make awards every day and will respond to all requests within days.

We can fund a broad range of items and will consider 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 we will be happy to advise you.

Here are some examples of how we may help:

- **Specialist Equipment**

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

- Mobility Equipment** – wheelchairs, buggies, hoists, car seats etc...
- Specialist Furniture** – postural chairs, adjustable beds etc...
- Sensory/ Education Items** – fibre optics, communication aids, toys etc...
- Medical Equipment** – monitors, support wear, spa baths etc...

- **Domestic Equipment**

Household items necessary for a comfortable environment...

- Kitchen Appliances** – washing machines, fridge freezers, cookers etc...
- Furniture** – beds, sofas, curtains, storage etc...
- Clothing & Bedding** – replacing soiled or outgrown clothes, sheets etc...
- Educational/entertainment** – computers, televisions, toys etc...
- Other** – carpets, pushchairs, cots, car seats etc...

- **Travel & subsistence expenses...**

To assist with the financial expense incurred during hospital and hospice visits.

- **Respite breaks...**

Week long breaks at a React holiday home.

- **End of life support...**

Assistance with funeral expenses and memorial headstones.

Please note however that React cannot contribute towards **trips overseas, structural building works, private treatment** or the **purchase of vehicles.**

How to fill in the form.

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

Purpose of application...

Tell us specifically **what you need** and **why**. You may apply for more than one item, but if so list them in order of priority, giving reasons and 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 sufficient reason is given as to why a React mobile home would be unsuitable.*)

Generally items should be of a **basic or essential need** and 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, whether you've been successful or are still waiting to find out, or if you're planning to make an application soon. If your request is of a medical nature let us know your Local Authority's position on funding.

Payment

React purchases equipment directly from the **shop or supplier**, so write the appropriate name here. In some cases awards such as hospital expenses or clothing may be made payable to the parent.

Amount Requested

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

Financial Declaration

If you are on income-assessed benefits (Income Support, Tax Credits, Housing Benefit) fill in section **(B) only**. If not please complete **all columns**.

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

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