

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in Whizz-Kidz. Please find enclosed the application form to apply for equipment. **The notes at the start of the application form explain the information we need. Please read it all carefully. There is a check list at the back of the application form which you can use to ensure you have included all the information we need.**

### **Who are we?**

Whizz-Kidz is a children's mobility charity and our goal is to give children and young people under 18, who have limited mobility or no mobility at all, the independence they need to get around and lead a more active childhood. Established in 1990, we have provided mobility equipment, training and advice to over 13,000 children across the UK. Our service is focused on meeting the child's individual mobility needs and supporting them to ensure they get the right mobility equipment, advice and training at the right time. This is why we have a team of qualified mobility therapists based around the UK who assess each child individually for the equipment they need.

### **What you need to know**

- You can only apply for one piece of equipment at a time from Whizz-Kidz whilst on the waiting list. Should you require a different piece of equipment whilst on the waiting list please contact us.
- We prioritise all cases based on your child's needs and we do not assess a child for equipment until we have funds available to purchase the equipment.
- We do not use a means test to decide if we will fund and provide equipment.
- You will be contacted in due course if you have been successful and your application has been placed on the waiting list.
- If you have not heard from us within 8 weeks from posting your application form, please call us to confirm that we have received your application form and that you are on the waiting list.
- When funding is available one of our mobility therapists will help you and your child to identify the needs you both have and following a thorough assessment, choose the most appropriate equipment based on their expert knowledge of the equipment available.

### **Partnership working**

As a charity we rely on the generous support of the general public, companies, charitable trusts and local groups. Whizz-Kidz works with the statutory services where possible and in particular with the NHS wheelchair service. When you have given your consent we will contact your child's local wheelchair service if appropriate to see if we can undertake a joint assessment and jointly fund equipment which meets your child's needs. We work closely with your child's local therapist, the Local Education Authority and other charities that may be able to contribute funds. We also welcome contributions from families.

### **Other Services**

Giving a disabled child a wheelchair is just the start of their journey with Whizz-Kidz. All around the country disabled children and young people are meeting and making friends at our growing network of local clubs. They're having fun whizzing around obstacle courses, knocking over skittles, doing wheelies and learning about boring but important things like road safety at our wheelchair skills courses. They're forming campaign groups and meeting MPs, contacting the press, and designing campaign badges and posters. And because growing up can be a bit scary, they're taking part in our work placement program and building confidence at our life skills events.

For further information please visit our website: [www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)

**Please read all the information we have provided on the application form to help you. If you have any questions or any difficulty filling the form please contact the Children's Services Team and we will be pleased to help you.**

Yours sincerely,

**Children's Services Team  
Whizz-Kidz**

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