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Introducing Wizzybug



Wizzybug – our pride and joy!

- It is **FREE** for families in the UK
- Wizzybug is unique – a powered wheelchair designed specifically for children from 14 months
- Wizzybug grows with your child



Wizzybug – who is it suitable for?

- It is suitable for disabled children from 14 months with a condition that affects their ability to walk
- We loan Wizzybug to you for as long as it is suitable for your child
- At the end of the loan Wizzybug is returned to us to be refurbished ready for another family to enjoy



Wizzybug – more information

- Age 14 months – max weight 20kg weight
- Good Head Control which they are able to maintain
- Able to maintain sitting position with the help of harness, lap belt & lateral supports Wizzybug is supplied with
- Able to follow simple instructions, but some children may only accidentally knock the joystick and still benefit from the sense of movement



Wizzybug – more information



- Indoor/outdoor/off-road
- Range of Joysticks heads to suit
- Carer control
- Not suitable for full-time use, but for short periods of supervised driving



Wizzybug can't do everything 😞

- No Medical devices can be attached to it
- Not crash tested – a child should never be transported whilst in Wizzybug
- Not waterproof!
- Not suitable for the beach – the sand gets into the wheels and breaks the motor



Wizzybug – benefits

- Positive outcomes for families
 - Choice
 - Independence
 - Fun
 - Social interaction
 - Participation
- Benefits of independent movement
 - Driving skills
 - Spatial Awareness
 - Fine motor skills
 - Cause & effect
 - Joystick skills



Wizzybug Loan Scheme

- Wizzybug is completely free of charge. We will even cover the cost of collecting Wizzybug at the end of the loan
- We have an **Access Fund** for families on low income to apply for support with the cost of attending their Wizzybug appointment, including overnight accommodation if required



Wizzybug Loan Scheme – how do I apply?

- Families can apply direct themselves by completing the application form on our website
- Our clinical team assess the application
- Handover appointment at one of our clinics



Wizzybug Loan Scheme – Handover appointment

- Handover appointments are held at either:
 - Our Bath HQ
 - William Merritt Centre, Leeds
- Seating Assessment – 1/1.5 hour appointment
- Learn all about Wizzybug!
- All being well, you will take Wizzybug home at the end of the appointment

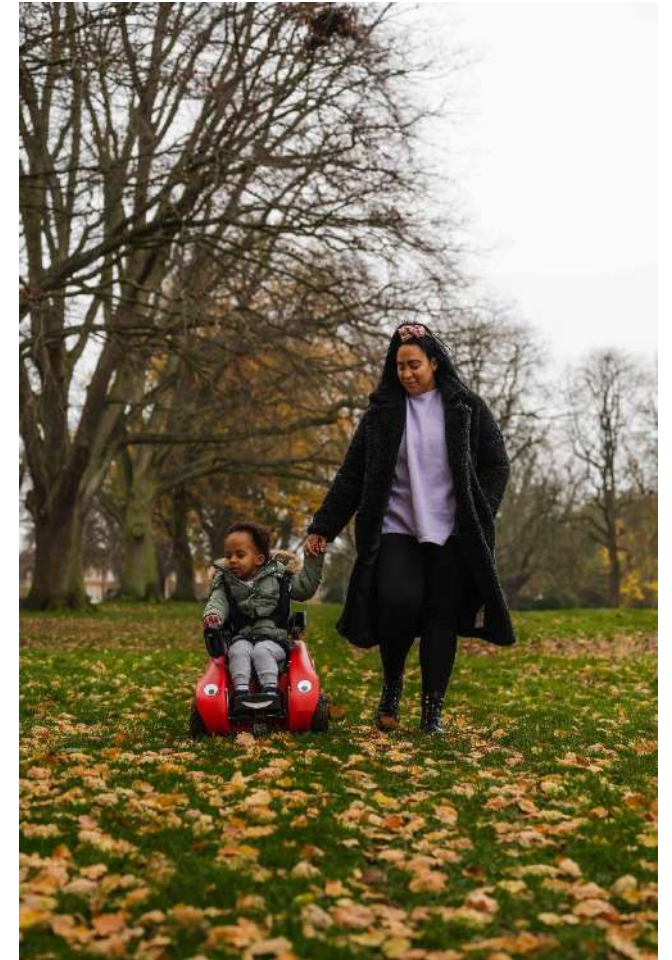


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Wizzybug Loan Scheme – after your appointment

- Regular check ins from our clinical team
- Technical support – if something goes wrong with Wizzybug or you need help adjusting it as your child grows
- Closed Facebook Wizzybug Family group



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Concerns you may have about Wizzybug

- Q. Will having Wizzybug stop my child learning to walk?
- A. The opposite – Wizzybug unlocks potential for child development, opens up the world, enables them to participate more fully, learn about choice, independence and freedom. Wizzybug is part of a range of equipment a child might use and can be really beneficial for children who need to conserve their energy for using a walker or standing-frame.
- Q. I don't think my child will be able to use the joystick
- A. We have a range of joysticks to try and can usually find one that your child is able to grip. Our clinicians are a ninja team who have loads of ideas up their sleeves to help children to learn to understand that moving the joystick will make Wizzybug move – but in some cases you do need to be patient! And for some children moving the joystick will only ever be accidental.
- Q. I'm not sure my child has the cognitive awareness to be able to use Wizzybug
- A. Our clinicians can help you to assess this – but you may be surprised. Even accidental movement is beneficial and also great fun.



Questions you may have about Wizzybug

- Q. Is Wizzybug heavy? Will it fit in my car?
- A. It weighs 30kg so isn't a single person lift, you will be shown how to take it apart so one person can easily lift it. In terms of fitting in the car it fits into the boot of a colleagues' Toyota Yaris, and our technicians are great at playing car jenga and can usually find a way to fit it in the car – even if it does need to be taken apart.
- Q. How long is the waiting list?
- A. Our average time between applying and your appointment is 16 weeks. This does depend on the number of applications at any one time and whether we need to speak to your child's clinical team which might have an impact on the waiting time
- Q. Does my child have to attend the appointment with me?
- A: Yes, your child needs to come to the appointment as it is a full seating assessment and Wizzybug will be set up precisely for your child which can't be done without them being there. We also ask you to bring a pair of shoes with you and any orthotics, spinal brace etc that they have so that we can set Wizzybug up to fit them perfectly taking everything into consideration



Thank you!



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