

### **Our application process**

1. Parent or guardian completes, signs and returns our application form and required accompanying paperwork as outlined in the cover letter.
2. Once all paperwork has been received we add the application to the next available slot at our committee meetings. These take place at the end of every month. N.B we do have a fast-track system in place in which case an application can be reviewed immediately after receipt of all paperwork. This is for children who have been given a prognosis of 8 weeks or less.
3. Application is reviewed by our board of trustees at committee meeting. Within 48 hours of this meeting we are able to let family know whether or not their child's dream has been approved and, if it has, how much funding has been approved towards it (we do have funding limits in place therefore sometimes we are unable to fully fund a dream but offer a donation towards the cost).
4. Once the dream has been approved funding is available immediately and remains available for 18 months after approval.

### **Dream Categories**

1 – A one-off dream such as; the trip of a lifetime or the chance to meet a celebrity

2 – Something that will make a difference to the child/family each & every day of their life, such as medical equipment, home adaptations or a wheelchair

The only kind of dream that we CANNOT accept applications for at present is a garden alteration in terms of physical landscaping of a garden. However we have occasionally been able to help with garden equipment such as sensory items or specialist play equipment and making gardens wheelchair accessible.

### **Medical Conditions**

To qualify to apply for a Dream one of the following medical criteria must apply to the child:

- Confirmed diagnosis of a terminal condition
- Confirmed diagnosis of a degenerative life limiting condition such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy or Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- Confirmed diagnosis of a serious life limiting condition such as Cystic Fibrosis or Cerebral Palsy
- Confirmed diagnosis of a combination of conditions that create a life limited situation such as Downs Syndrome with additional complications of a heart condition or similar
- Confirmed diagnosis of a condition requiring continuing around the clock care such as Autism so severe that there is no verbal communication & whilst life expectancy may not be directly affected independent living is unlikely to ever be a possibility



### **Other Criteria**

- The child must be aged between 0 & 18 – if the child is 18 at the time of application then the dream must be approved and delivered before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday takes place
- The child MUST be receiving treatment at the time of application. This is especially relevant in cases of leukaemia & other cancers where the dream can be completed when treatment has finished (hence funding being agreed for 18 months) but the application must be made whilst treatment is still being received.
- We operate a once-in-a-lifetime policy. This means that we can only deliver a dream to a child if they have not had a dream with Promise Dreams before. However we can accept applications from children who have had a dream with another dream-granting charity such as Make A Wish or Starlight.