



Wizzybug Loan Scheme Information Sheet

We loan our Wizzybugs, free of charge, to children in the British Isles (excluding Northern Ireland) who could benefit from them. Wizzybugs are loaned for as long as needed (usually this is a period of 6 - 30 months) and then they are returned to us for refurbishment and re-loan to another family.

Who can benefit from the loan scheme?

- Any disabled child aged 14 months to 5 years with a professional recommendation that they would benefit from the provision of powered mobility
- Families who cannot afford to purchase a Wizzybug privately

How do we get a Wizzybug through the loan scheme?

1. Please contact our Wizzybug Occupational Therapy team who will discuss with you whether the Wizzybug might be suitable for your child.
2. If suitable, we will send you a request form to complete with your referring therapist.
3. On receipt of your completed form, we will consider your request and let you know if it has been accepted.
4. If accepted, we will allocate funding for your Wizzybug to be built on site.
5. When your Wizzybug is ready we will contact you to arrange an appointment for your final assessment at a time that is convenient for you.
6. Provided the Wizzybug seating and controls are suitable for your child at the appointment, we will then agree the timescale for the loan period. You will be asked to pay a £200 deposit. This payment can be made by cash, cheque or card payment.
7. It is really important you let us know if you no longer require Wizzybug, even if this is before your expected date of return. This ensures we are able to help as many children as possible and helps to keep the waiting times manageable.
8. Once you have returned the Wizzybug to us, we will refund your £200 deposit.

We will contact you at regular intervals during your loan period to ensure you are finding Wizzybug useful. At the end of the loan period we require you to return your Wizzybug to Designability within one month so we can refurbish it for another child. If you are unable to return Wizzybug within this time period we may be able to collect it from you but we shall need to make a charge to cover the cost of packaging materials and couriers. The charge is currently £60 for mainland UK, but individual charges will apply for all other locations.

We will also ask you to complete a questionnaire to help us evaluate the outcomes from the loan scheme.

Contact Us

If you have any questions please contact our Wizzybug Occupational Therapy team on 01225 824103 or email wizzybug@designability.org.uk