What happens when my child outgrows Wizzybug?

It is vital that you start thinking about the next stage for your child in terms of future mobility.

Contact your local therapist:

1. Your first port of call should always be your local occupational therapist or physiotherapist; they know your child best and will be able to provide advice specifically for your child.
2. It can take up to a year to obtain the next stage wheelchair; the earlier you start the less chance there will be of your child being without any powered mobility at all.
3. If your child meets their criteria, your local wheelchair services will either be able to provide a powered wheelchair for your child or will give you a voucher or payment towards your own choice.

What can Designability do to help you with the next stage?

Designability's occupational therapists are always happy to speak with you, however, as we may not have seen your child for several years, your local therapist should always be your first point of contact as they know your child best. We are also unable to recommend any specific products.

We are happy to signpost you to the following that may be able to help provide further information about follow on mobility support for your child:

1. Exhibitions – page 1
2. Independent advice – pages 2 & 3
3. Potential funding routes – pages 4, 5 & 6
4. Powered wheelchair suppliers – page 6

1. Exhibitions

Attending an exhibition is really useful and it will give you the opportunity to see many powered wheelchairs in action.

Kidz to Adultz Exhibitions – Disabled Living	Disabled Living organises the **Kidz to Adultz events** and hold five of the largest FREE UK exhibitions totally dedicated to children and young adults up to 25 years with disabilities and additional needs, their parents, carers and all the professionals who support and work with them. **Exhibitions are:** Kidz to Adultz Middle Kidz to Adultz South Kidz to Adultz Wales & West

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	Kidz to Adultz North Kidz to Adultz Scotland www.kidzexhibitions.co.uk Tel: 0161 214 4592
Naidex	**Naidex** welcomes everyone who is living with health conditions or impairments; as well as anyone caring for or supplying to this community. www.naidex.co.uk Tel: 0117 990 2107
Motability **One Big Day and The Big Event**	The UK's largest showcase of cars, wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV's), scooters and powered wheelchairs available on the **Motability Scheme**. www.motability.co.uk/news-and-events Tel: 0300 456 4566

2. Independent advice

The following organisations may be able to provide guidance and funding advice on purchasing a new powered wheelchair:

Brainwave Unlocking Children's Potential	**Brainwave Children's Charity** - Helping children with disabilities and additional needs to achieve greater independence. www.brainwave.org.uk Tel: 01278 429089
CEREBRA Working wonders for children with brain conditions	**Cerebra** is the national charity helping children with brain conditions and their families discover a better life together. www.cerebra.org.uk Freephone 0800 328 1159
contact For families with disabled children	**Contact** supports families with disabled children. www.contact.org.uk Freephone 0808 808 3555

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DLF FOR PROFESSIONALS	**DLF** is a national charity providing impartial advice, information, and training on independent living. www.dlf.org.uk Tel: 0300 123 3084
Motability	**The Motability Scheme** enables people to get mobile by exchanging their mobility allowance to lease a powered wheelchair. www.motability.co.uk Tel: 0300 456 4566
RiDC	**RiDC** is a UK charity providing independent research for disabled consumers. www.ridc.org.uk Tel: 020 7427 2460
Whizz-kidz move a life forward	**Whizz-Kidz** is the UK's leading charity for young wheelchair users. www.whizz-kidz.org.uk Tel: 020 7233 6600

3. Potential Funding Routes

We recommend that you make contact with potential charity funders as soon as you are able, as the process can often take as long as six months. You could also consider setting up online pages for sponsorship or crowdfunding.

The Boparan Charitable Trust	**The Boparan Charitable Trust** was created with the sole aim of improving young peoples' lives. www.theboparancharitabletrust.com Tel: 0121 214 9364
caudwell children	**Caudwell Children** aims to changing the future of disabled children by providing access to the services, equipment, therapies and treatments they need to lead an active life. www.caudwellchildren.com

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	Tel: 0345 300 1348
dreams come true	Exists to make dreams come true. www.dreamscometrue.uk.com Tel: 01428 726330
Family Fund Helping disabled children	**Family Fund** is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families on low-income raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people. www.familyfund.org.uk Tel: 01904 55005
hope for children	**Hope for Children** is an international charity working towards a world where every child has a happy childhood that sets them up for a positive future. www.hope-for-children.org Tel: 01442 234561
Muscular Dystrophy UK Fighting muscle-wasting conditions	**Muscular Dystrophy UK** provides grants towards the cost of specialist equipment for people living with muscle-wasting diseases. https://www.musculardystrophyuk.org/get-support/adaptations-and-equipment/joseph-patrick-trust-grants Tel: 0207 803 4811
Lifeline 4 Kids	**Lifeline 4 Kids** provides essential equipment to help improve the quality of life for children with disabilities and special needs. http://www.lifeline4kids.org/ Tele: 020 8459 8826
Make-A-Wish UNITED KINGDOM	**Make A Wish** believes every critically ill child deserves to be granted a wish – their aim is to reach every child. www.make-a-wish.org.uk Tel: 0118 304 2776

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newlife foundation for disabled children	**Newlife** is the UK's largest charitable provider of specialist equipment for disabled children. www.newlifecharity.co.uk Tel: 01543 462 777
React – Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal illness – GIVING DEPTH TO SHORT LIVES	**React** is the Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially Terminal illness. www.reactcharity.org Tel: 020 8940 2575
STRONG BONES – STRONGBONES CHILDREN'S CHARITABLE TRUST	**Strongbones** help families and disabled children with complex needs alongside scoliosis, spina bifida, brittle bone disease or any other bone condition. www.strongbones.org.uk Tel: 01708 750599
Celebrating 70 Years variety the children's charity improving young lives every day	**Variety** provides practical, tangible help that makes an immediate difference to children, young people, parents, siblings and teachers. www.variety.org.uk Tel: 020 7428 8100* *Head office telephone and email. For regional contact details please check website
Whizz-kidz move a life forward	**Whizz-Kidz** work hard to transform the lives of wheelchair users across the UK. www.whizz-kidz.org.uk Tel: 020 723 36600

4. Powered Wheelchair Suppliers

ACTIVATE FOR KIDS LTD	www.activateforkids.com Tel: 01722 340 600
	www.invacare.co.uk Tel: 01656 776222

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ottobock.	www.ottobock.com/en-gb/wheelchairs/kids Tel: 01784 744900
permobil	www.permobil.com/ Tel: 01484 722 888
PRECISION REHAB	www.precisionrehab.co.uk Tel: 01256 300111
QUANTUM	www.quantumrehab.co.uk Tel: 01869 324600
Recare	www.recare.co.uk/products/ Tel: 01993 880200
SUNRISE MEDICAL	www.sunrisemedical.co.uk/powered-wheelchairs/zippie/childrens-power-wheelchairs Tel: 0845 605 6688
Tiny Trax Fun Powerchair for Kids	www.tinytrax.com Tel: 0117 909 8305

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