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Guide to Wheelchairs



What is it?

The wheelchair is one of the most commonly used assistive devices to promote mobility and enhance quality of life for people who have difficulties with walking.

In addition to providing mobility, an appropriate wheelchair benefits the physical health and quality of life of the users by helping in reducing common problems such as pressure sores, progression of deformities and improve respiration and digestion.

To ensure effective mobility, wheelchair users need a wheelchair which fits them correctly and meets their specific needs.

Wheelchair provision is not only about the wheelchair, which is just a product, rather it is about enabling people with disabilities to become mobile, remain healthy and participate fully in community life.

Ensuring the chair is used in the correct way will help with your child with all kinds of physical and inclusion needs, for example; correcting posture, functionality at home and sitting round the dinner table together and/or functionality of traveling, etc.

What do I need to do?

If your child has been given a wheelchair for use the importance of it being used correctly is huge. The chair has been designed specifically for their needs so taking that extra minute to know the child is correctly positioned is vital.

If you think your child has outgrown their wheelchair, it now doesn't meet their needs or you have any issues with the equipment then you must report these to the physiotherapist team.

Alternatively, please contact the Therapy Coordinator in school and they will organise support for you.

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