

## What kind of group day trip are we looking for?

### **Doing things together**

Families tell us that like they trying new things together. This means we are looking for activities where families spend time interacting with each other and are less likely to fund things like soft-play, cinema or theatre trips on their own without a fuller day out around it.

### **Going somewhere different**

We recognise that it's easier (and cheaper!) to go somewhere local, but referrers tell us that going somewhere new can give parents a real confidence boost. Therefore we'd prefer trips to be a bit further afield than just down the road.

### **Tourism**

As a charity we believe that tourism and days out are a force for good. This means we'd be unlikely to fund things like play / sports days or Christmas parties (although we know they are great too!).

### **A day out**

We want families to have a fun 'day out' which means we'll be looking for trips that take longer than a couple of hours.

### **We want to help as many families as possible**

We don't just want to fund the cheapest trips possible but we do want to make sure that we can help as many families as we can. That means we are unlikely to fund all the added extras we sometimes get asked for (like lunch, ice-cream, multiple entrance tickets, beach-games). It also means we don't normally pay for expensive entrance tickets for theme parks etc. if it means the trips cost much more than we normally expect to pay (see the application form for more information on this).

### **Well-planned**

We'd expect you to have done some research about the costs of where you want to go and if you are asking for coach costs that you have had received at least a couple of quotes.

If you are applying for entrance tickets then we'd expect you to have investigated group / charity discounts.

## What kind of group short break are we looking for?

### **A good reason for families going away as a group**

We provide over 1,000 families every year with a short break. These are normally in one of our own caravans or provided by partners who support us. Therefore we can (normally) provide breaks for individual families more cost effectively than you organising a group trip.

So we'll be looking for reasons why you are taking families away as a group otherwise we'd recommend you apply for them individually. We'd be more likely to fund group breaks where you'd

be taking a group of families who wouldn't be able to go away by themselves, or plan to do some specific activities with them that need to be led by staff.

### **Well-planned**

We expect you to have done some research on where you want to go. Saying 'a seaside hotel somewhere' or 'a residential centre in Wales' will not normally be enough.

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