Inclusion

Barretstown’s mission is to rebuild the lives of children affected by serious illness and their families. We believe that every child with a serious illness should enjoy their childhood.

While Barretstown will not discriminate against campers, families and staff based on gender, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socio-economic background, there may be individual cases whereby our site, infrastructure and staff resources cannot accommodate certain requests. Examples may include, but are not limited to High Acuity Medical Needs, Gender Identity, 1 on 1 Behaviour Support and Mental Health.

When an application is received by Barretstown and the team are unsure if they can meet the needs of the individual, a phone call will be arranged with the parents/guardian or staff member in question. The call will be to discuss the specific needs of the individual and to provide a detailed outline of the camp programme and opportunities for accommodation. In order for Barretstown to make an informed decision it is crucial that all information that is provided on an application form and on the call is complete and accurate.

Barretstown may seek additional advice from their external support network to assist in making their decision. Following a review of the camper/family or staff needs a decision will be made.

If Barretstown decides to accommodate the camper/family or staff member, they may determine that particular support systems will be required to ensure the safety and dignity of the camper/family, staff and other participants in the programme. If Barretstown decides it cannot support the camper/family or staff request they will follow up with the parents/guardians or staff member as soon as possible.