



Welcome To the
Children's Ward
South Infirmary Victoria University
Hospital Cork



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We realise that having your child coming to hospital can
be a very daunting prospect however we hope that this
booklet will prepare you for what happens in hospital
and will take away some of the fear.

After checking in to the Admissions office on the day of surgery you can make your way up to the Children's Ward where you will receive a warm welcome.



Recommended reading for children:

- ◆ 'Going to the hospital' by Usborne First experience
- ◆ 'I don't want to go to hospital' by Tony Ross
- ◆ 'Harry goes to hospital' by Harold Bennett

Please read very carefully the Fasting Guidelines on your admission letter and adhere to same to prevent your child's surgery being delayed or even cancelled .

Each child's parent or LEGAL guardian must be with the child for admission.

Please let us know if your child is sick before you come to hospital.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ring us here on Childrens Ward 021 4926127/4926159 and we will answer any questions you may have.

What to bring to hospital

Please bring in a pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers for your child.

It will help your child if they have their favourite teddy, toy or soother with them in hospital.

Please bring in any tablets / injections your child is taking.

If your child is on formula please bring this in with you.

Preparing your child for hospital

We recommend you talk to your child in simple language about the following **before** they attend hospital:

1. Tell them that they are going to hospital
2. Tell them that they are having an operation or investigation
3. Tell them some simple information about what will happen when they are in hospital.

About Children's Ward

Our Childrens Ward has 14 beds.

Safety is paramount on Children's Ward. We have a safety system in place at the door. Just make your way to the nurses' station and a nurse or health care assistant will greet you there.

We have a lovely playroom with lots of toys and trikes, a play station, television and DVD's. We encourage all children to pay a visit to the playroom and to settle into the ward.

Sharing the Caring with Parents

We on Children's ward work in Partnership with Parents /guardians while caring for your child.

We know the important part you the parents/guardian play in your child's life.

After all you know your child best. We will be there to support you and your child every step of the way.

Our sole responsibility is for the care of your child while they are in hospital. In the evening, we encourage siblings and family members to visit as this is when your child is more recovered from surgery. It is important to note, however, that you are responsible for siblings care and supervision.

We welcome *one* parent / guardian if possible to stay with their child overnight as this will help to take away any anxiety your child may have.

An armchair next to your child will be given for your comfort, by the night staff.

Car parking

Parking is limited but is available in the car park outside the main entrance of the hospital. It is an hourly rate but if staying for 24 hrs the charge is 13.50 Euro.

Disc parking and clamping is in operation in the street around the hospital so don't forget about your parking disc.

Discs are available from the shop across the road from the main entrance. The spaces are charged at an hourly rate.

Catering Facilities

There are Tea/Coffee rounds on the ward for parents at 10:30 am, 4:15pm and 8:00pm.

Any parent/guardian staying overnight with their child is offered breakfast and snack in the evening.

There is a public cafeteria located inside the main door of the hospital where selections of snacks are available. This is open Mon – Fri 9am—4.30pm.

We encourage parents to go to the staff canteen during the week and at weekends between 7.30am and 14.30pm.

There is a shop across the road from the main entrance and restaurants / cafés located within a short walking distance of the hospital.