

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

MAIN POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S GENERAL ANAESTHETIC APPOINTMENT

1. We ask you to supervise your child at all times. You are requested not to leave your child on the ward unattended and not to leave the ward until your child goes to theatre.
2. You **MUST** be accompanied by another adult if travelling home by car or arrange to travel home by taxi. **DO NOT** drive your child home by yourself. It is a good idea to have someone drop you off and pick you up when ready.
3. Please stick to the correct fasting times you have been given. If your child is on an afternoon list, please make sure they get their breakfast and drink until the appropriate time so they do not become dehydrated and upset, especially if the list is delayed. Your child should **NOT** eat or drink milk, fizzy drinks or any cloudy fluids (e.g. pure fruit juice) for 6 hours before his / her anaesthetic (see fasting instructions). Please do not take food or drink onto the ward, you will be able to get refreshments once your child is in Theatre.
4. Your child may be on the ward for most of the day, or into the evening if they have their surgery in the afternoon. Therefore, **IT IS ADVISED THAT** you plan childcare for any other children for the whole day.
5. Your child should bring a clean change of clothes, i.e. pyjama top and bottoms or t-shirt and comfy jogging bottoms (**NO ONESIES**).
6. Most importantly; **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME.**