

Toy cleaning and toys from home

Information for parents and carers

This leaflet is for all parents of inpatients and anyone bringing toys into the hospital. Please read these new guidelines carefully and ask a member of staff if you need any clarification.

Unfortunately due to the new strain of coronavirus we have to bring into place new rules with regards to patients having their own toys whilst being an inpatient on the ward.

Starting from January 2021 the play team are now taking responsibility for the cleaning of all toys within the ward. Whether these are hospital owned or patient owned. We are doing this to help keep our patients and staff safe.



You can still bring toys for your child onto the ward but we request that you limit the number of toys you bring with you to one large shopping bag. All toys/books will be cleaned daily at the bedside by the Play Team and a record will be kept of this cleaning. The toys will be cleaned with a cleaning solution called Chlor-clean (which is advised by infection control and within our cleaning policy).

We advise NOT to bring the following items into the ward due to the fact these cannot be cleaned sufficiently:

- Board games
- Card games
- Paper books
- Teddies (with an exception of a comforter)
- Material items like dolls clothes etc.
- Lego



We appreciate this might seem like a big change and we know that toys are really important to your child while they are in hospital. We are here to support you and if you need any help please speak to a member of the play team. The play team also have a huge range of toys available that are cleaned on a regular basis, so please feel free to request some toys.



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