

Jungle Ward

This leaflet explains more about Jungle ward. If you have any further questions, please speak to a doctor or nurse caring for your child.

What is Jungle ward?

Jungle ward is a day centre children's ward at St George's Hospital. It is the ward most children come to if they need a minor operation or need assessment of their injury to decide if further treatment is needed.

Where do we need to go?

Jungle ward is located on the 1st floor of the Lanesborough Wing at St George's Hospital. Please come to Jungle ward at 7.30am on the day you have been asked to attend.

What happens when we arrive?

We aim for your child to be seen by your doctors and nurse within an hour of arrival. As per St George's policy at the present time only one adult is allowed on the ward with the child at any time. Parents may swap if necessary. Please refer to the main hospital website for any changes.

Your child will then be allocated a space in theatre. The timing for this will be dependent on several factors but we aim to carry out your child's procedure as soon as is safely possible. We will keep you informed throughout. Your child will be given a bed space as soon as possible but may need to wait in our playroom for some time.

Jungle is a very busy day care ward and we can see 20-30 booked children a day as well as our minor injury emergencies. We often have children going to several different operating theatres so please do not think we have "forgotten" your child, as they will be on a different list. Your nurse, doctor and anaesthetist will give you all the information you require but please ask if you are unclear about anything.

Before you come

In case your child needs an anaesthetic for surgery it is **very important** that the following starving instructions are followed. Until 2.30am your child may eat and drink normally. It is important they have NO food or milk (this includes sweets and chewing gum) after 2.30 am. Between 2.30am and 7.30am they may drink only water or diluted squash. Do not give them anything at all to eat or drink after 7.30am.

If these instructions are not followed your child's operation will be delayed or cancelled as it would not be safe for them to have an anaesthetic. Please ask if you are unsure.

Going Home

When your child has fully recovered from surgery you will be discharged home with any medicines needed and your next appointment if required. We do not provide painkillers for home use, so you should ensure you have children's paracetamol or ibuprofen at home. It usually takes around two hours after surgery for your child to be ready for home.

We will give you contact numbers for queries and advice on keeping your child comfortable. We recognise this kind of event can be stressful for families but aim to make things happen as smoothly as possible.

Other useful Information

There are refreshments available on Jungle ward and several canteen / café facilities within St George's. Food on Jungle ward is for patients only.

The hospital car park charges can be capped at £8 per day,

Contact us

Jungle ward telephone is 020 8725 2035 7.00am to 8.00pm. (Telephones are diverted overnight to Nicholls ward).

For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit www.stgeorges.nhs.uk

Additional services

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS can offer you on-the-spot advice and information when you have comments or concerns about our services or the care you have received. You can visit the PALS office between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday in the main corridor between Grosvenor and Lanesborough wings (near the lift foyer).

Tel: 020 8725 2453 **Email:** pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk

NHS Choices

NHS Choices provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make decisions about your health.

Web: www.nhs.uk

NHS 111

You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

Tel: 111

AccessAble

You can download accessibility guides for all our services by searching 'St George's Hospital' on the AccessAble website (www.accessable.co.uk).

The guides are designed to ensure everyone – including those with accessibility needs – can access our hospital and community sites with confidence.



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