Contact details:

- Phone No. ---------------

Remember: Ask your nurse if you are unsure about anything about your child’s care or the visiting guidelines.

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THANK YOU

VISITING GUIDELINES

PICU 1&2
Welcome to our Paediatric Intensive Care Unit

Admission of your child to PICU is recognised as an extremely difficult time for you and your family. The nursing and medical staff are here to offer you support information and guidance throughout this time. The PICU team recognise the role of the parents and try to ensure that this is maintained when your child is in PICU.

VISITING GUIDELINES

- Only parents are allowed to visit the PICU to minimise the risk of cross infection.
- Switch off your mobile phone before entering PICU.
- Press wall intercom outside the PICU to check if it is appropriate to visit.
- Remove your coat and leave in the parent’s waiting room before entering PICU 1 or opposite the wash basin on PICU Floor 2.
- Wash your hands and put on an apron.
- Do not visit if you are visibly ill (coughing, sneezing, sore throat, fever, vomiting etc.) If in doubt, please ask your child’s bedside nurse.
- Do not leave any valuables unattended. They can be locked away in parent lockers provided in the parent’s waiting room Floor 1. Parents from both PICU 1 & 2 can avail of these lockers.
- An open visiting policy for parents operates, however there will be some occasions when you will be asked to leave the unit:
  - Nursing handovers at 07.30 – 08.30 hrs. and 19.30 – 20.30 hrs.
  - Doctor’s rounds 09.30 and 16.30 hrs.
  - While any procedures to your child or others in the unit
  - Patient emergencies.
  - During quiet time at 13.00 – 15.00 hrs. (Children need sleep and rest; you can stay quietly by the bedside if you wish however we encourage parents get some food and rest.)
  - After 22.00 hrs until 08.30 hrs next morning. Please be reassured that the PICU team will call you during this period should your child require your presence.
- The nurse caring for your child will advise you should you need to leave the unit.

- It is important that you bring adequate supplies for your child like nappies, wipes, soap, any creams or lotions, clothes/babygros, socks, sheets and blankets, etc.
- Please feel free to discuss any concerns or issues regarding your child’s care to the shift leader or CNM 3.

The visiting hours and guidelines can vary depending on the individual child’s condition.