

Orthoptic Department

Daily ward attendance to obtain compliance with glasses wear

Why does my child need to wear glasses?

You have been asked to get your child to wear glasses to improve their vision. If the glasses are not worn, their vision may not improve.

We understand that getting children to wear glasses can sometimes be very difficult. However, if the eyes aren't treated as soon as possible, their vision may never improve to normal standards.

Why is daily ward attendance at the hospital advised?

A session at the hospital is advised when trying to get the glasses worn at home has become impossible. If your child attends the hospital, a play specialist will help your child accept the glasses and offer you advice.

If I agree to my child's admission for glasses, what is the next step?

If you agree, the orthoptist will contact the play specialist with your details and they will arrange a date for you to come in. If it is possible, the play specialist may come down to the orthoptic department to meet you while you are being seen by the orthoptist.

When will my child come to the hospital as a Ward Attendee?

You and the ward staff will organise a mutually convenient date. For treatment to succeed it is important for you to attend with your child, so work commitments need to be considered. One parent must stay with your child at all times.



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What time will we need to come to the ward?

On the day, you will need to bring your child to the ward between 9.00am and 9.30am. A mid-day meal will be given to your child. Parents are able to purchase refreshments. You will both be able to go home by 5.00pm at the latest. The aim would be for 3pm if you have to collect other children from school. If the one session is not enough, another session will be arranged for the following day or soon after.

Who is going to get my child to wear glasses?

You will be encouraged to be involved with your child's treatment as much as possible. A play specialist will help each day to get your child to accept the glasses. They will also be able to offer you advice about strategies to keep the glasses on at home. We encourage parents to record how long the glasses are being worn each day, and the play specialist will help you with this.

What happens if my child needs to have a nap?

Ask the ward staff and they will be able to help.

What do I need to bring to hospital?

Bring the sort of things that you would normally take for a day out, like a favourite toy or nappies.

What happens after my child is discharged?

At discharge you will be given an Orthoptic appointment to attend in a few weeks' time.

For a very small number of children the glasses are not tolerated. If this is the case then an appointment will be made with the orthoptist and consultant to discuss future management.

If you wish to contact the Orthoptic Department please telephone:

University Hospital (Coventry):	024 7696 6521
Hospital of St Cross (Rugby):	01788 663219

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