

Your MRI scan

A photo story for children aged 11 years and over

The aim of this photo story is to show you other children having an MRI. This will give you an idea of what your scan will involve.



The MRI department is on the Arctic Level at Evelina London Children's Hospital. MRI stands for magnetic resonance imaging.

Before having a scan, you and your parent will complete an MRI checklist with the radiographer.



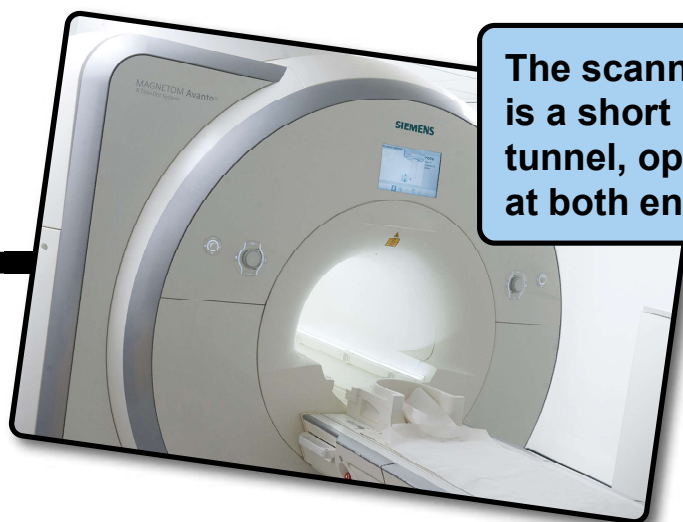
We will need a parent's signature for the checklist.



You will need to put your things into a locker. This includes keys, money, and travelcards. No metal can go into the scan room because the MRI scanner is a large magnet that is on all the time.



Don't forget to lock away your mobile phone too!



The scanner is a short tunnel, open at both ends.



The radiographer will take you into the room and explain the procedure.

The scanner is very noisy, so you will be given headphones to wear and a buzzer to hold in case you need the radiographer during the scan.



If you have a scan of your head, you will wear a special helmet.



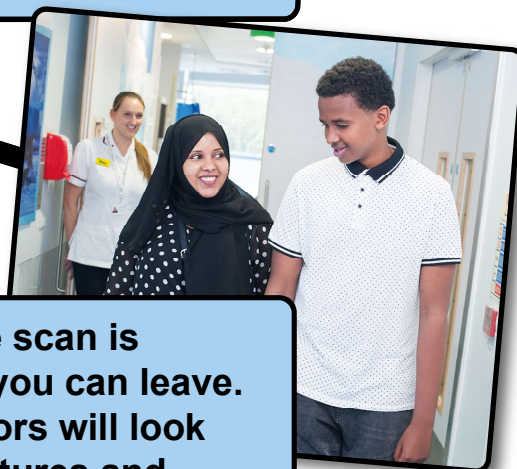
Your parent can stay with you during the scan. They will have to wear headphones too.

During your scan it is important to keep still or the pictures will be blurred. Sometimes you can watch a film or listen to music so bring this too if you want.

In between the sets of pictures, the radiographer will talk to you through a microphone to check you are OK.

Scans take about 20-40 minutes.

When the scan is finished you can leave. The doctors will look at the pictures and will give you and your parents the results later.



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