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For Mum

- Dressing gown
- Nightdress (With easy access if planning to breastfeed)
- Socks and Slippers
- Water spray/ sponge/ fan
- Birth plan
- Medical notes
- Hand sanitiser
- Face mask (if you prefer to use own)
- Lip balm
- Ear plugs / eye mask
- Pillow
- Book/ Magazines/ Sudoku/ Crosswords/ Tablet
- Maternity pads / Heavy duty Sanitary wear (2 x packs)
- Big knickers (5-6 pairs)
- Toiletries (towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues, deodorant, hairbrush, face wipes/wash, flannel, shampoo, conditioner, soap, hairdryer)
- Hair bobbles/ hair clips
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Cosmetics / make up
- Glasses / contact lenses + solution
- Phone and charger
- Comfortable going home clothes
- Snacks & drinks (cereal bars, fruit, pack of raisins, energy drinks)
- Bendy straws
- Massage oil
- TENS machine (if you plan to use one)
- Calming music/ playlist
- Bra or vest top (if planning to use a birthing pool and want to cover up)
- Any medications you are taking
- Nipple cream (if planning to breastfeed)
- Nursing bars (x 2)
- Breast pads
- A pen
- A jug (to pour warm water onto the perineum during the first wee, after a vaginal birth)



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For Baby

- Babygrows (Approx. 4-5)
- Vests (Several)
- Newborn hat
- Blanket / shawl
- Socks/booties
- Newborn nappies (Approx. 20-30)
- Nappy bags
- Sensitive Baby wipes
- Cotton wool balls
- Muslin squares (3-4)
- Going home outfit (Depending on the season, think about mittens, snow suit or jacket for the journey home)
- Car seat
- Formula milk & sterile bottles (if planning to formula feed)

For Birth Partner

- Snacks and drinks (Cereal bars, energy drinks, water, fruit, crisps, chocolate, sandwich)
- Phone & charger
- Camera and batteries
- A change of clothes
- Shorts/T-shirt (Hospitals can get extremely hot)
- Face mask (if prefer to use own)
- Small pillow (Coloured, not white- this makes sure that your pillow stays with you and is not mistaken for a hospital pillow)
- Spare glasses or contact lenses + solution
- Hand sanitiser
- Book/ Magazine/ Sudoku/ Crosswords/ Tablet
- Any medications you are taking
- Change for car park / vending machine
- A pen