

Chloe

Gets

Cochlear Implants



Chloe has worn hearing aids since she was a baby.



But now she can't
hear the TV.



Or her teacher.



She finds it hard to join in with her friends.



Chloe is
starting to
feel fed up.



Dad takes Chloe to have her hearing aids checked.



The audiologist tests Chloe's hearing. He says her hearing has changed, so her hearing aids aren't strong enough anymore.



The audiologist says cochlear implants might help Chloe hear better.

Mum, Dad and Chloe go to the implant centre at the hospital.



They ask the people working there **lots** of questions about cochlear implants.

What questions do you have?





While Chloe plays with other children who have cochlear implants, Chloe's parents talk to other parents and carers. Everyone has a different story to tell.

Chloe's mum and dad read lots about cochlear implants.



Chloe's mum and dad talk to her about what they've learned. Then, they ask Chloe what she would like to do.



A Teacher of the Deaf visits Chloe at school to check how well she hears in the classroom.

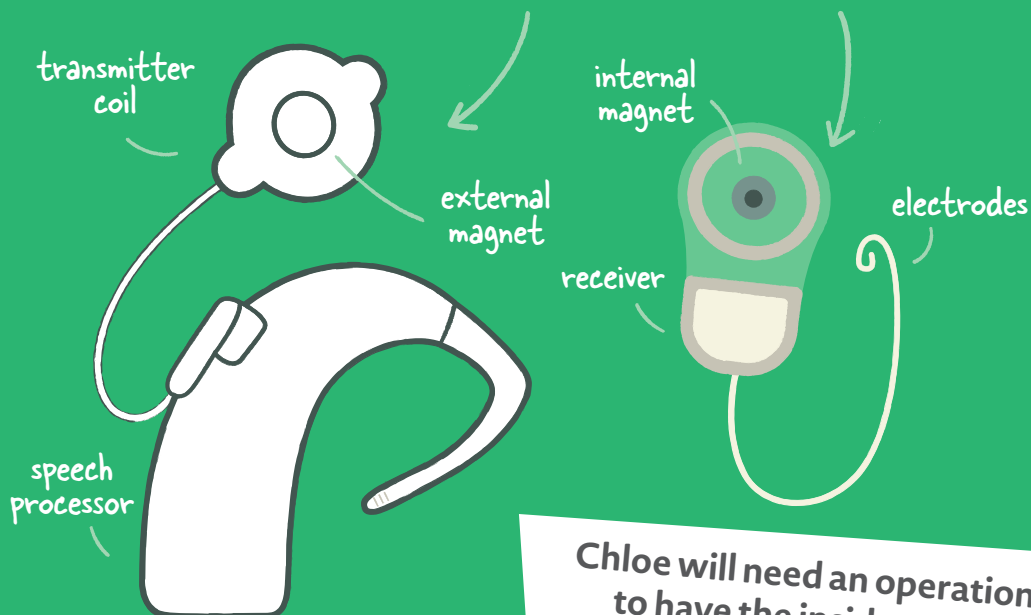


Mum, Dad and Chloe go back to the hospital.

The doctor says that cochlear implants help lots of people, but they don't work for everyone.



A cochlear implant has an outside part and an inside part.

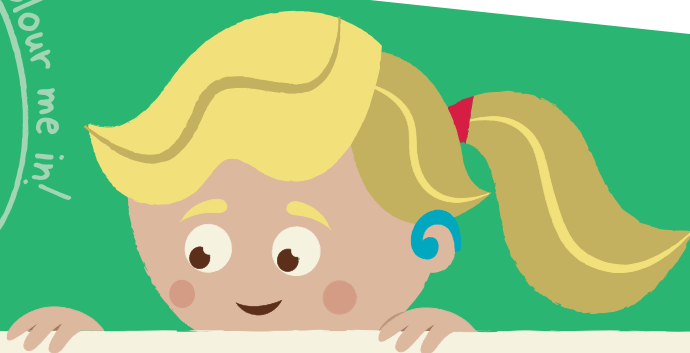


Chloe will need an operation to have the inside part put under her skin.

Chloe gets to choose the colour for her speech processor and transmitter coil.

What colours would you choose?

colour me in!



The doctor explains the sounds Chloe will hear with her cochlear implants will be different to how she heard with her hearing aids.

It may take Chloe a while to get used to hearing the new sounds.

Chloe and her mum
pack her bag for the hospital.



What would **you** take to hospital with you? Write or draw your ideas here.

Everyone at the hospital
is very friendly. The nurses
give her some medicine
that makes her go to
sleep and not feel
anything.





After the operation, Chloe wakes up, and she has a bandage on her head.



The nurses explain that Chloe will have to come back another day to have an X-ray to check the electrodes are in the right place.

Once they're happy that Chloe is OK, she gets to go home.

Chloe has to go back a week later to see how she's healing.



The nurse reminds Chloe that it'll be another couple of weeks before she gets her processors. Until then, she can't hear at all.



Mum and Dad have to act things out. Sometimes, they even draw things to help her understand.

The day they've all been waiting for arrives.

Chloe's having her processors fitted and her cochlear implants switched on.

Chloe is very excited!

The audiologist fits Chloe's processors and connects them to the computer.

Then, he switches them on.



Getting used to the new sounds her cochlear implants make takes a few months. But after several hospital visits, Chloe is very happy!



She can hear the TV and her teacher,
and she can join in with her friends again.

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You might also like to read our booklet called *Cochlear Implants: Information for families*.

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