

PRESTBURY TENNIS CLUB

USE OF CHANGING FACILITIES POLICY

Prestbury tennis club (the "club") has adopted a rigorous and proportionate approach to its safeguarding policy(ies) and controls, in accordance with the LTA requirements. The club is an amateur sports club managed by a committee of volunteer members.

The clubhouse and club premises are not managed or occupied overnight or outside of normal playing hours, or when the courts are not in use, and the safeguarding policy(ies) reflect these arrangements.

While every effort has been made to implement a comprehensive control framework and safeguarding regime, the committee and members recognise the practical limitations of managing the club's obligations within the context of an amateur sports club.

Prestbury Tennis Club strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, players, parents/carers and any other individuals associated with Prestbury Tennis Club.

This document sets out the Tennis Club's policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms.

1. Groups of children will have sole use of changing rooms. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing and showering.
2. If adults and children need to share our changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
3. Where it is unavoidable that changing rooms are used by both adults and children at the same time, there will be access to separate changing, showering and toilet areas.
4. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
5. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms, or use the same changing room but at different times.
6. If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents/carers (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs (*n.b. for more information on this please go to <https://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/topics/lgbt-young-people-and-sport/>*)
7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
8. For younger groups of children, a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.

9. Where no changing facilities are available children, parents and travelling teams/players will be made aware prior to the game and advised to make alternative arrangements and to take appropriate additional clothing e.g. tracksuits etc.

This policy is reviewed every three years (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

Chairperson: Mark Butcher

Date: January 2025

Welfare Officer: Sue Moule

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