

POLICY ON THE USE OF CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS

Forthill Community Tennis Club strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

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

We cannot guarantee that children will have the sole use of changing facilities at Forthill so they are encouraged to attend dressed ready to play or can use the changing facilities accompanied by their parent or guardian.

Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change , shower or use the toilet at the same time as children.

Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms or toilets.

For younger groups of children, a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will wait in the hallway outside the toilets to allow children to call for assistance if required.

Children using the indoor sports centre will be instructed to use the disabled toilet one at a time.

It will not be the responsibility of coaches or volunteers from Forthill Community Tennis Club to supervise children from another club attending for a match.

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://the cpsu.org.uk/help-advice/topics/lgbt-young-people-and-sport/>)

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://the cpsu.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 et