

## **Policy on Access to the Clubhouse and Grounds for Junior Members**

### **Overall policy**

Recognising the club's duty of care towards its junior members and the general requirements for safety and security around the grounds:

- Junior members are entitled to use the courts and changing facilities at their parents' discretion.
- Responsibility for the security and use of the key and any main door code remains that of the parent or guardian.
- In cases where parents allow their junior member/s to play unsupervised, the parent retains responsibility for their child and for the unlocking and locking of the courts and changing facilities and for ensuring the security of the premises after use by their junior member.
- The code to the main hall shall not be disclosed by a parent to their junior member/s.

### **Access to the main hall**

Juniors may have access to the main hall as part of a junior event or when a supervising adult is present. Parent key holders have access to the hall and are very welcome to use the kitchen and seating facilities along with their junior members.

Consistent with the policy above, juniors do not have access to the hall unless an adult is present and parents should not disclose the access code to their children. This reflects the Club's very important 'duty of care' towards all its junior members and recognises that child protection law, and therefore the Club, makes no distinction between minors of different ages.

Parents, however, are in a position to make judgements and, in the case of older juniors i.e. 16/17 year olds, may have confidence in the sense of responsibility exhibited by their 'young adult' junior members. They may feel that it is appropriate to share the code with them and thus provide access to the main hall. Should they choose to do so, as with the tennis courts and changing facilities, they continue to retain responsibility for the wellbeing and behaviour of their junior member and for ensuring the overall security and condition of the hall.

'Young adult' juniors granted this access by their parents cannot themselves extend this privilege to other junior members nor can they themselves count as an adult for access purposes.

The Club may at any time withdraw this access privilege should it deem it appropriate in certain or all cases.

Under the Licensing Act 2003, alcoholic drinks cannot and will not be sold to members under age 18 and individuals under the age of 16 are not permitted in the immediate vicinity of the (open) bar itself.