

POLICY ON THE USE OF THE CHANGING ROOMS

Macclesfield Tennis Club (MTC) strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

This document sets out the MTC policy for the acceptable use of our changing room.

1. Groups of children will have sole use of the changing room. 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 room, they will do so at different times. Children will have priority when any organised junior activity is taking place e.g. coaching, camp or match.
3. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing room.
4. Mixed gender groups of children will use the male or female changing room according to their gender.
5. 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/safeguarding-lgbtqplus-young-people/>*)
6. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in the changing room.
7. For younger groups of children, a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the changing room to allow children to call for assistance if required.