



## Children playing at Swanage Tennis Club

- Children under the age of 13 years must be supervised by a parent/guardian or another adult whilst at the tennis facilities at Beach Gardens public open space.
- It is a parent's responsibility to teach their child how to respond to emergencies or situations that may arise outside the house, so they feel confident when their child is not under their supervision.
- The NSPCC advise that any child under the age of 16 yrs. but over the age of 13 yrs. remains the responsibility of the parent, carer, or guardian.

### Can a tennis venue decide about what age children can be unsupervised at their venue?

- Yes. The LTA has recommended that tennis clubs put in place a policy stating the age children must be supervised by an adult whilst at a tennis venue. The LTA advise that children under the age of 13 will need to be supervised.
- Whilst LTA registered clubs have safeguarding policies in place, along with a designated Welfare Officer, this is to support in safeguarding whilst children and young people are present, or respond to any issues that may occur, not to take on parental responsibilities.

### All the club members know my child and can supervise my child when I am not there?

- You may know all club members well; however specific arrangements still need to be made by you and another adult to supervise your child and your child needs to be aware of the arrangement. Simply being on club premises with lots of adults is not acceptable.
- Please ensure that junior members are familiar with the Club's playing and court usage codes of conduct.

## Tennis Court Bookings

Only children aged 13 years and up can book a tennis court either at the Kiosk at Beach Gardens, the Tourist Information Centre in Swanage or via the Clubspark booking App. To be able to use the LTA's Clubspark booking App a child will need to be fully registered in their own right with the LTA.

**Swanage Tennis Club Welfare Officers - Margaret Griffin 07845 939200 or Alison Phin on 07787 612820.** They can also be contacted on [welfareswanagetc@btinternet.com](mailto:welfareswanagetc@btinternet.com)

LTA Safe and Inclusive Team 0208 4877000 (Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm) NSPCC 0800 8005000

**\*Swanage Tennis Club is not a private club; it has permission from the Town Council to use the 6 public tennis courts at Beach Gardens.**