



**Prestbury Parish Council Use of
Changing/Toilet Facilities Policy
(including Tennis@Prestbury)**

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USE OF CHANGING/TOILET FACILITIES POLICY

Prestbury Parish Council strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable experience using our facilities.

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

This document sets out Prestbury Parish Council's policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms and toilets.

- 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.
- If adults and children need to share our changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
- 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.
- Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change, shower or make use of the toilet at the same time as children using the changing rooms/toilets.
- Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms or use the same changing room but at different times.
- 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.
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
- 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.
- 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.

UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTAL SUPERVISION

There are potential risks associated with inadequate adult supervision levels of young children in changing and shower areas.

Parents' (or carers') responsibilities

Parents and carers have a responsibility to ensure that their children are appropriately supervised while they are attending Prestbury Parish Council's facilities. It is parents' responsibility to judge whether it is safe and appropriate

to allow their unaccompanied child to visit our facilities This judgement should be based on:

- their child's general developmental maturity
- their child's awareness of the potential risks
- the level of supervision and care provided within the facility

Parents may wrongly assume that staff will take responsibility for their children within Prestbury Parish Council's facilities, or within specific areas such as changing rooms. Parents should therefore consider their own expectations about supervision of their children, including the use of changing rooms, shower areas and toilets. Parents should clarify these points before they let their children come to our facilities alone.

Prestbury Paris Council's Responsibilities

When children are given access to our facilities, Prestbury Parish Council assume a duty of care for them. The level of responsibility will vary, depending on if the child is:

- alone and unsupervised
- with parents
- attending an activity
- attending an activity staffed by the facility
- attending a school group, club or other activity managed by a third party
- attending a public session

Prestbury Parish Council have put in place appropriate safeguarding arrangements. Please see our website for our safeguarding policy.