

# USE OF CHANGING FACILITIES POLICY

## POLICY ON THE USE OF CHANGING ROOMS

Buckingham Lawn Tennis Club strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

This policy applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, players, parents/carers and any other individuals associated with Buckingham Lawn Tennis Club.

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

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.
2. If adults and children need to share our changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
3. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms
4. 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/lgbt-young-people-and-sport/>*)
5. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
6. If required, 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.
7. 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.

This policy is reviewed every year (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

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