

Use of Changing Rooms

Streetly Lawn Tennis Club ("SLTC") 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 SLTC.

We would encourage where possible, you to come to coaching, matches and/ or any tennis session already changed, wearing suitably warm clothing, relevant to the game of tennis. e.g. tracksuits and go home after games, to shower and change.

This document sets out the SLTC policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms.

When or where it is not possible to observe the above, the following will apply:

- 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 and showering.
- 2. If adults and children need to share our changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
- 5. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms, or use the same changing room but at different times.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms. The use of these items is strictly prohibited in the toilet and changing room areas.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.

Thank you for your co-operation with this policy document ~ SLTC