

OAKLEIGH PARK LAWN TENNIS AND SQUASH CLUB (OPLTSC) USE OF CHANGING FACILITIES

POLICY ON THE USE OF CHANGING ROOMS

OPLTSC strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and all members have their well-being promoted.

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

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

1. Ideally, 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. However, OPLTSC does not have separate child changing room and toilet facility which means members need to respect the use of toilets by all. To ensure this, members will cover up appropriately when leaving the shower areas.
2. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
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. During the times when children are present at camps, for younger groups of children, a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will first check the changing rooms before allowing children to enter and wait with the children whilst using the facilities.