



BRENTWOOD HARD COURT TENNIS AND PADEL CLUB

Policy on the use of changing rooms

BHTPC strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

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

(It is the responsibility of the Tennis Coach organizing a tennis event to ensure the policy is understood and adhered to.)

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. (A same sex adult/parent could stand outside the changing room.)
2. If adults and children need to share our changing rooms, they will do so at different times.
3. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
4. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms.
5. 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.
6. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
7. For children who need adult assistance with changing, this needs to be agreed in advance so appropriate exclusive use of facilities is arranged.
8. 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.