

USE OF CHANGING ROOMS AND SHOWERING FACILITIES POLICY



The Woodford Wells Club strives to ensure that all children are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable experience when at the club.

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

1. Groups of children will have sole use of a changing room (where possible this will always be one of the smaller changing rooms separate to the main changing room for other members) when taking part in team activities. 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.
8. Where no changing facilities are available children, parents and travelling teams/players will be made aware prior to their arrival and advised to make alternative arrangements and to take appropriate additional clothing e.g., tracksuits etc.
9. All children are to be supervised at all times by parents when using changing rooms/toilets at the club when in their parents care. Where a child is attending a supervised session, the coach will be responsible for ensuring the measures of this policy are met and any child from their session is supervised accordingly.