



# SELSDON TENNIS CLUB

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## USE OF CHANGING ROOMS AND SHOWERING FACILITIES BRIEFING AND POLICY

**NB:** STC members may find it difficult to adhere to some of the procedures in this document and may decide that it is more practical to come to the venue already changed, wearing suitably warm clothing e.g. tracksuits, and go home afterwards to change and shower.

**Please Note:** As our Showers are not used on a regular basis, for Health & Safety Reasons they are currently switched off. Signage will indicate when the rooms are in use.

### POLICY ON THE USE OF CHANGING ROOMS

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

This document sets out the STC 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 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 (*NB: for more information on this please go to <https://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/topics/lgbt-young-people-and-sport/>*)
7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms. Parents and children will be made aware of this policy on joining the club or at the earliest time thereafter.

No child under the age of 8 will be allowed to use the changing facilities without supervision. It is requested that they are accompanied by their parents or someone acting in loco parentis. On the rare occasion when this is not the case then they will need to be supervised by a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer. Whilst ideally this would be someone of the same sex as the child, as STC is such a small venue, this may not always be possible. This might also apply to older children for various reasons including disability who may need assistance to use the facilities. 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.

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