



Muswell Hill Methodist Lawn Tennis Club

Changing Room Policy

1. Policy statement

Muswell Hill Methodist LTC strives to ensure that all children and adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience. This document sets out the Club's policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms/toilet facilities for both adults and children.

2. Use of changing rooms and toilets

As **access** to the toilets at our facility is through the changing rooms, young children should not use the changing rooms unless accompanied by a parent, carer or responsible adult. The Club and the Coaches will advise families of this and ask that children come for lessons in appropriate clothing.

Mobile phones and other electronic devices with cameras must not be used in changing rooms.

The Club encourages all children, be they club members, visiting team members or non-members participating in coaching, to **arrive already dressed for play**. In the rare event of a junior match where children are required to change beforehand, the changing/toilet facilities will be blocked to general club use for a period of 15 minutes to allow the children to change in privacy. The coach/es should wait in the clubhouse whilst the children change.

Mixed gender groups of children will have access to separate changing rooms.

Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers **change or shower at the same time as children** using the changing rooms.

Children receiving coaching should be advised by the coach to **use the toilet facilities before the start** of a lesson, to minimise/avoid children leaving the lesson unsupervised. When group coaching extends beyond an hour, the coach should also declare a general toilet break and accompany the children into the clubhouse and wait for them whilst they use the facilities.

3. Gender identity

If the Club is made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, the Club will work with them and their parents/carers (where it relates to a child) to come to an acceptable arrangement for using the toilet facilities, and in the case of adults, changing facilities, which suits the individual's needs.