



## USE OF CHANGING FACILITIES POLICY

Pit Farm Tennis Club (PFTC) strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

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

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

1. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
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, adult members, coaches or volunteers change or shower or use the toilets at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
4. For younger children, a parent/carer will accompany their child into the changing rooms where possible (and ideally have sole use of the facilities). If a member of staff or volunteer (DBS checked as appropriate) accompanies a child (e.g. at a junior coaching session) they will ideally have sole use of the facilities and the member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.
5. If 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.
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.

This policy was approved by the Committee on 1 October 2023 and will be reviewed every three years (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

Next Review due:

Date: 1 October 2026