



Wareham & District

Swimming Club

Changing Room Policy

DUTY OF CARE TO SWIMMERS IN CHANGING FACILITIES

1. Under the duty of care to safeguard children, the club and parents/carers have a joint responsibility for the wellbeing of children in the changing rooms.
2. Parents/ Carers of children under the age of 8 years old **must** remain within the pool venue for the duration of the swimming session.
3. Parents/ Carers of children with additional needs should have a discussion with the coach to agree their location during the session.
4. While the children are training, they are under the responsibility and care of W&DSC coaches.
5. Parents/Carers **must** be at the venue at the end of the session to take over the responsibility of their child once they leave poolside.

RESPONSIBILITY DURING A CLUB SESSION

1. While training, the child is under the responsibility of the coach.
2. A swimmer must ask the Coach to leave the pool area.
3. If the young person fails to return within a reasonable time or appeared upset when leaving the poolside, the coach will request that a suitable club member check on them. It is best practice for two persons to look for the swimmer. (The second person could be a parent or older swimmer.)
4. If the club receives a complaint about any incident that has occurred between a swimmer and any other person, the club has a duty to act upon that concern and will investigate the matter appropriately.

CHANGING FACILITIES AT VENUES USED BY THE CLUB

1. The changing rooms at the Purbeck Swimming Pool are separate sex changing rooms.
2. The changing facilities are open to members of the public who are using the sauna and to parents whose children are attending swimming lessons prior to or post the club's training sessions.

3. Masters (adult 18Years+) members should use their own area to change wherever possible, when changing at the same time as children. Where this is not possible adults are to be reminded to change in an appropriate fashion, and to be mindful that they are changing with children.

SWIMMERS CONDUCT WHILST USING CHANGING AREAS

1. Swimmers will respect the privacy of others in the changing rooms.
2. The use of mobile phones in the changing rooms is not permitted, this is to protect members against images being taken and allegations of taking images.
3. The club have high expectations of behaviour and language of its swimmers in the changing rooms. They are required to be responsible and respectful to all users/valuables/premises and not cause disruption.
4. Swimmers should adhere to the Code of Conduct.

CONDUCT OF PARENTS/ CARERS WHILST SWIMMERS ARE USING CHANGING FACILITIES

1. Children 8 years and over must use the gender appropriate changing room.
2. Parents should not be in the changing room whilst the children are changing, unless their child is of an age where help is required from parents or if the child requires additional specific assistance. This is usually seven or eight years of age. In such circumstances, the parent must be the same gender as the child, unless the facility has family changing facilities or is a mixed changing village.
3. Parents must supervise younger siblings in the changing rooms to ensure the privacy of the swimmers is respected.

RESPONSIBILITY AFTER A SESSION IS COMPLETED

1. W&DSC has a duty of reasonable care to swimmers, which extends to awareness on the part of the club that their junior members have been collected so far as is possible, at the conclusion of a session.
2. If a parent fails to collect a child the club will follow the procedure outlined in the Late Collection of Children Policy.