MCS Tennis: the use of changing rooms.

MCS Tennis requests that all visitors , children and members arrive at the Club changed and ready to play as the the changing room is now used as a store cupboard.

However under circumstances where changing is required at MCS Tennis, or if the Changing room is cleared and made available:

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

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

1. Groups of children will have sole use of changing room. 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 room, they will do so at different times.
3. Where it is unavoidable that that the changing room are used by both adults and children at the same time, there will be separate timed access to the changing room
4. Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change at the same time as children using the changing room.
5. Mixed gender groups of children will have access to 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 (*n.b. for more information on this please go to* [*https://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/topics/lgbt-young-people-and-sport/*](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 room.
8. For younger groups of children, a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the changing room to allow children to call for assistance if required.
9. **No changing facilities are available at MCS Tennis so 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.**