

Changing Room and Showering Facilities Policy



Parents/carers, coaches, team managers and volunteers should be aware that there are circumstances where junior players may find themselves changing in facilities where adults are present in the area.

When groups of children are using changing facilities, coaches and other volunteers must not enter unless absolutely necessary. If necessary, the 'Rule of Two' will be used, giving particular consideration to the gender of those using the facilities when deciding who the most appropriate adults are to enter. Such access will be announced verbally before entering.

Romiley Cricket Club has applied the following procedures which apply in regard of using changing facilities.

1. Players under the age of 16 should wherever practicable get changed at home and arrive at training and games in their appropriate sportswear (Whites for games and sportswear for training)
2. Players aged 16 and 17 may wish to use club changing areas during junior games. No pressure should be put on them to do so however and parents should be aware that coaches may need to enter the changing areas at any time for team and game supervision. If parents are uncomfortable with this they should ensure that their young player gets changed at home as per point 1.
3. It is recognised that some 16 and 17 year olds may wish to change/shower alongside their adult team mates in communal changing rooms. Such a situation should be agreed in advance with the Club Safeguarding Officer, the child and the parent/carer – it is essential that no pressure is applied for a child to make any particular choice. If parents are uncomfortable with this they should ensure that their young player gets changed at home as per point 1.
4. Mobile phones or any other equipment capable of capturing still or moving images should not be used in the changing room when people are changing
5. Mixed gender teams will have a specific time allocated to using the changing facilities, based on their gender.