



EASC Changing Room Policy 2024

In accordance with Swim England Wavepower rules, our club has a duty to safeguard its members and that includes a responsibility for the wellbeing of children in the changing rooms. This does not mean that parents/guardians have no responsibility, but parents/guardians are often not in the pool complex at the time when children are swimming and training to exercise their duty of care.

While a child is training or being taught, they remain under the responsibility and duty of care of the person who is teaching or coaching them at that time. If a member leaves the pool area, the coach or teacher should be aware of this and can request the help of a parent/guardian in looking after that child. If they fail to return within a reasonable time, or appear to be upset upon leaving the poolside, the coach/teacher must request that a suitable person checks on them. It is best practice for two persons to look for the Member.

In addition, the club can also request that a parent/guardian remains at the pool throughout a session for example in cases where children require additional help that the club is unable to provide.

Rules for the use of the changing facilities at Dearne Valley Pool:

- Please be aware that the changing facilities at Dearne Valley Pool are a mixed changing village with individual cubicles and lockers.
- During our session times, the changing facilities are also available to be used by under 16 years old users of the gym in the leisure centre.
- Swimmers using the changing facilities are reminded that their behaviour has to be in accordance with the club's Code of Conduct for Swimmers at all times.
- Parents/guardians should not be in the changing facilities while children are changing, unless their child requires assistance **and** is **under 8 years old**. However, even for children under the age of 8 years, children should be encouraged to change independently.
- In accordance with recommendations by Swim England, our club does not supervise the changing facilities routinely, but team/poolside helpers are available should members using the changing facilities call for the assistance. In addition, our team/poolside helpers may walk through the changing facilities occasionally to ensure that children are safe and that general behaviour is in accordance with the club's Code of Conduct for Swimmers.
- **The use of mobile phones and other devices is not permitted in the changing facilities.** Swimmers should report to the club's Welfare Officer if they witness the use of such devices.