

# Changing room policy



Brockworth Swimming Club will adhere to the Swim England changing room policy as detailed in Wavepower.

This policy has been written using the guidance from the Swim England changing room policy guidelines detailed on pages 80-81 in Wavepower 2024.

## Responsibility during club sessions

The view of Swim England and Brockworth Swimming Club is that 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 swimmer goes out of the pool area, the coach or teacher should be aware of this. If the child fails to return within a reasonable time, or appears to be upset upon leaving the poolside, the coach/teacher should request a suitable official to check on them. It is Swim England and Brockworth Swimming Club best practice for two persons to look for the member (the second person could be a senior member or a parent).

If a complaint is received about an incident that has occurred in the changing room between a swimmer or a member of the club and any other person, the club has a duty to act upon that concern as appropriate, following the recommended Swim England guidance. If the incident involves a person not associated with the club, the pool manager/school site should be made aware, and consideration given as to whether the statutory agencies need informing.

## Information for parents regarding changing facilities

The changing facilities at our different venues vary and at some pools are shared both by club members and members of the general public.

- The changing facilities of Brockworth Sports Centre are shared by both club members and members of the public.
- Due to the shared nature of the changing village, swimmers should always utilise the cubicles provided for changing.
- In line with Swim England guidance, we ask that female swimmers utilise the changing cubicles furthest from the main changing village entrance, and male swimmers to utilise the cubicles closest to the entrance. This is to maintain separation between male and female swimmers in a mixed environment.
- All personal belongings should be secured in the lockers provided or taken poolside during a training session, and not left in the cubicles.
- No responsibility is accepted by Brockworth Swimming Club for the loss of any personal possessions left unattended during a session.

- Parents should make their swimmers aware of the type of changing room in use, i.e., separate for male and female or mixed changing villages when visiting other premises (e.g., for away meets).
- Swimmers are to follow the code of conduct in the changing rooms at all times.
- Parents should not be in the changing room whilst swimmers are changing, unless their child is aged 8 or under or requires additional specific assistance. In such circumstances the parent or carer should be of the same gender as the child and should only be in the changing room to assist the child changing. Once the child is changed and has gone on to poolside the parent or carer should leave the changing room.
- It is Brockworth Swimming Club's policy that parents should not enter the changing village either before, during or after a session as other swimmers may be changing, unless exceptional circumstances as detailed above. If, in exceptional circumstances, a parent or carer does need to enter the changing room, the coach should be made aware, and the changing rooms checked prior to entry.
- In addition, Swim England do not advise adults to supervise changing facilities as that place them and the children at risk of allegations of improper behaviour. However, if appropriate an officer may be placed outside of the doors for the changing room to allow children to call for assistance.
- **Mobile phones and devices should not be used under any circumstances in a changing room area during Swim England regulated activity. All use of mobile devices in a changing room must be reported to the Welfare Officer and venue.**