



KINGSBRIDGE KINGFISHERS SWIMMING CLUB

CHANGING ROOM POLICY

It is important to ensure all our members are aware of the terms by which we operate within the Sports Centre facility managed by Fusion Lifestyle. Under the duty of care to safeguard children, the club has a responsibility for the wellbeing of children in the changing rooms. This does not mean that parents/guardians have no responsibility.

The hire agreement between the club and Fusion Lifestyle, commensurate with most public pool environments, rents water time in such a way that, as one hire ends the next begins. For this to be a comfortable relationship it requires accurate timekeeping by all parties. A degree of overlap benefits all parties, for example Fusion currently allow us access to poolside prior to our hire period, enabling swimmers to do warm-up stretches; other facility users may congregate poolside in readiness for the start of their session. As such, the club cannot guarantee members sole use of the changing facilities at any time. All swimmers must therefore use the locker arrangement and not leave personal belongings in cubicles.

Parents/carers are not advised to accompany children into the changing rooms, unless they require assistance changing, but should be available to their children should an incident occur in the changing rooms when the coach is not present on poolside either before or after a training session. Incidents at these times should be first raised with the Centre's Duty Manager, with the club's Welfare Officer informed as soon as possible.

During a session, swimmers must inform their coach if they are leaving poolside to enter the changing rooms for any reason. Changing room incidents occurring during a session, where coaches are present on poolside should be referred to one of the coaches. If the incident involves an individual outside of the club, the coach must inform the Centre's Duty Manager of the incident. In all cases, the coach must inform the Welfare Officer, who will liaise with the Duty Manager if necessary and give consideration as to whether statutory agencies need informing. The club's safeguarding policy applies to all relevant changing room incidents.