



Wandsworth Swimming Club Changing Rooms policy

WSC 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 85-86 in Wavepower 2025.

**MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES MUST NOT BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IN A CHANGING ROOM AREA AT ANY TIME .
ALL USE OF MOBILE DEVICES IN A CHANGING ROOM MUST BE REPORTED TO THE WELFARE OFFICER AND VENUE .**

Responsibility during club sessions

The view of Swim England and Wandsworth 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 coaching or teaching them at that time . If a swimmer goes out of the pool area , the coach or teacher must be made aware of this .

Swim England does not advise that adults (such as coaches , team Managers , Welfare officers etc) supervise changing facilities as that places them and the children at risk of harm and allegation . Where and when necessary or deemed appropriate , designated club officers may walk through public areas (including changing village areas) particularly if the changing space is shared with members of public , in order to safeguard swimmers .

Information for parents regarding changing facilities

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

- The changing facilities at Putney Leisure Centre and Fulham Pools are shared by both club members and members of the public .
- Due to 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 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 but making sure they do not cause hazard or are obstructing fire exits and poolside , and not left in the cubicles .
- No responsibility is accepted by Wandsworth 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 .
- Swimmers are to follow Code of Conduct in the changing rooms at all times and respect others privacy especially if and when using group changing rooms .
- Parents are not to be in the changing room whilst swimmers are changing , unless their child is 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.
- At our Schools ‘ venues we must adhere to the respective schools changing rooms policies and they very clearly state that parents are not allowed in the changing rooms irrespective of child’s age with the emphasis that at St.Pauls School parents are not allowed in the whole of the changing area .
- It is Wandsworth Swimming Club’s policy that the parents should not enter the changing village / room 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 guardian / carer does need to enter the changing room, the coach should be made aware with a reasonable notice to accommodate that request , and the changing rooms checked prior to entry .