

BARNSTAPLE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



Changing Rooms and Showers Policy

Adults and children must **never** use the same facilities to shower or change at the same time.

Adults must only enter changing rooms when absolutely necessary (This could be due to poor behaviour, injury or illness)

Adults must only ever enter the changing rooms by themselves in an emergency (and when waiting for another adult) if harm could come to a child.

If children or vulnerable adults need supervising in changing rooms, or coaches or managers need to carry out a range of tasks in that environment this must involve two suitably vetted adults of the same gender as the children or vulnerable adults. For mixed gender activities, separate facilities should be available.

If the same facilities must be used by adults and children or vulnerable adults on the same day a clear timetable should be established. (See the risk assessment.)

No pressure should be placed on children or vulnerable adults who feel uncomfortable changing or showering with others, if this is the case they should be allowed to shower and change at home.

Where a disability requires significant support from a parent; or carer, the person concerned, and their parents should decide how they should be assisted to change or shower.

Before any assistance is offered by another person, appropriate consent should be given by a parent.