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 Bridgwater Lawn Tennis Club is committed to prioritising the wellbeing of children and adults at risk promoting safeguarding in the Club at all times.

This Policy strives to minimise risk, deliver a positive attitude for everyone and respond appropriately to all safeguarding concerns/disclosures.

Members/Parents/Children/Vulnerable Adults/Carers must be aware of the following:

* + When using the toilets and changing rooms, all children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult (parent/carer); they must not be left unattended at any time.
* Children aged 9-18, depending on their gender, must use the appropriate male/female toilets and changing rooms.
* Where possible, adults should avoid being the lone adult in a changing room when children are changing.
* Where possible, coaches should shower and change at a different time to children or vulnerable adults.
* Due to the risks of inappropriate photography or filming, mobile phones or any other device must not be used for that purpose within the changing area. Filming and photography is strictly prohibited.
* Mobile phones should be used sensitively in these areas and with respect to other people using the facilities.
* If children are uncomfortable changing or showering at the Club, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Parents/carers should suggest instead that they may change and shower at home.
* Vulnerable adults should be accompanied by a parent/carer when using the toilets or changing rooms.
* If anyone has any concerns with the above, please contact the Club Safeguarding Officer(s)

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