



Changing

Three of the leisure facilities that we currently use do not provide separate gender changing facilities, nor do they identify separate male/female areas for our swimmers to change pre and post session.

Swim England (formerly the ASA) advise that clubs should create simple barriers within the changing villages to separate the genders of school-age children in mixed changing villages.

BMSS have devised the following protocol to maintain the safety and well-being of our swimmers within leisure facilities at Westhoughton, Horwich and Farnworth:

Westhoughton	<p>On entering the changing village from the corridor male gender swimmers should change using the cubicles on the left side.</p> <p>Female gender swimmers should change using the cubicles on the right side of the changing village.</p>
Horwich	<p>On entering the changing village from the corridor male gender swimmers should change using the cubicles on the right side, nearest to the pool.</p> <p>Female gender swimmers should change using the cubicles on the left side of the changing village, facing the toilets.</p>
Farnworth	<p>On entering the changing village from the main reception area male gender swimmers should use the changing cubicles around the right side of the village (turning right on entering the changing village, past the shower cubicles).</p> <p>Female gender swimmers should use the changing cubicles on the left side of the changing village, using the cubicles facing the lockers.</p> <p>There is separate gender group changing available.</p>

Under no circumstance should male and female swimmers be sharing changing cubicles.

Mobile Phones

BMSS are declaring that Mobile phones should not be used within the changing village/areas, poolside or within a land training environment in order to ensure the safeguarding of our swimmers.

Serco (leisure centre providers) have clear guidelines in place restricting use of mobile phone devices within changing and poolside areas, to protect members of the public, and this is guidance that we agree with and are required to fully comply with. Anyone caught using phones or any other image capturing device will be reported to the centre.