



Child supervision policy

Whilst at Sutton Tennis & Squash Club, children under the age of 13 must be supervised by their parents/carers/guardians when the child is not involved in organised coaching sessions.

During an organised coaching session, children aged over 4 and under 13 may be left in the care of the coach. Tennis coaches are LTA accredited (tennis) or England Squash registered (squash/racketball), first aid trained, hold a safeguarding children certificate and hold an enhanced DBS check. Coaches are suitably qualified to look after children.

Using the changing rooms and toilets

Changing / showering

There are no circumstances during an organised coaching session where children need to shower or get changed. If a child does need to get changed before a coaching session (for example if they have come straight from school to the club), this should be done under the supervision of the parent - the child will only be in the care of the coach after they have changed. If a child needs to get changed or showered after an organised coaching session, this is done under the supervision of the parent.

Using the toilets

For children under 11: If a child under 11 needs to use the toilet during an organised coaching session, the coach will walk the child to the toilet and check that no adults are using the toilets / changing rooms. The coach will wait at the conservatory/clubhouse until the child/children are finished and walk them back to their tennis courts.

Children aged 11+ will be allowed to leave the tennis courts unattended to use the toilet.

Arriving & leaving for organised coaching sessions

For children aged under 11, children must be delivered directly into the care of the coach by the parent and picked up directly from the coach.

Please note that it is not enough to drop off outside or at the front door of the club. Parents must ensure that their child has been delivered to the coach.

Children aged under 11 will not be allowed to leave an organised coaching session unattended unless permission has been given in writing.

Children aged 11+ are allowed to travel to and from the club independently.