



JH SWIM SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING/CHANGING ROOM POLICY

JH Swim School are proud to be a Swim England Swim School Member and as such we adhere to their Changing Room Policy which forms part of their current Safeguarding Policy (Wavepower).

The changing rooms at Davenant Foundation School are group changing rooms consisting of a female group changing room and a separate male changing room. There is no public use during our hire periods of the pool or its changing facilities.

Under the duty of care to safeguard children JH Swim School has a responsibility for the well-being of children in the changing rooms.

Parents should **NOT** be in the changing rooms whilst the children are changing, unless their child is of an age where help is required from parents or accompanying adults or if the child requires additional specific assistance. This is usually at an age of seven or eight years of age. In such circumstances the parent must be the same gender as the child unless the facility has family changing facilities or a changing village which Davenant does not have.

At JH Swim School we are aware that this is not always feasible and often there are mums (or female accompanying adults) bringing their sons, and dads (or male accompanying adults) bringing their daughters. Often children younger than 7 or 8 are able to change themselves but for those who need assistance, our Policy, as recommended by Swim England, is this: the changing room used should be the same sex as the parent/adult helping. This is the same principal you would use if you were using toilet facilities in a restaurant, supermarket, cinema etc.,

Boys over the age of eight should **NOT** go into the girls changing rooms and girls over the age of eight should **NOT** go into the boys.

Furthermore, we also recommend that children do not get changed on poolside or in the gallery area in front of others.

The above policy is not only to safeguard children but to safeguard parents and any adults who are accompanying children to avoid them being placed at risk or become the subject of an allegation.

This may appear to be a wordy statement but this is to clarify and confirm our position regarding safeguarding in the changing rooms, to follow best practice and to avoid any misunderstanding.

A copy of Wavepower can be downloaded from the Swim England website. If you have any concerns about the changing for your child please contact Jane on 07956 833586 or Swim England Swimline on 01509 618700

