Behaviour standards in the changing rooms are within the HSC Swimmers Code of Conduct - every swimmer has agreed to comply with this.

There are a few key points we would like all swimmers and guardians to be aware off

* We have a zero tolerance policy to the use of mobile phones and photographic devices – these devices must never be used in the changing cubicles, toilets, showers or changing villages. Swim England has advised that mobile phones should be locked in a locker during swim training (whenever possible).
* Mobiles phones can be taken onto poolside at galas if this has been agreed by the coaches and hosts.
* Swimmers must only use cubicles as a single occupancy (only 1 swimmer per cubicle). We would also advise where is reasonably possible avoid using cubicles. Ideally come/ leave the club sessions ‘swim ready’.
* Adults are not permitted into changing areas during swimming club sessions, children must arrange to meet their guardian in the lobby area of a pool. Swim England does not advise that adults supervise changing facilities, as that places them and the children at risk of harm and allegation. (Please speak to welfare/ head coach if a child requires adult assistance in the changing rooms and we will agree reasonable adjustments.)

Due to the serious nature of welfare and safeguarding, there would be consequences and potential dismissal from the swimming club if any part of this policy is breached. Under the duty of care to safeguard children, the club has a responsibility for the wellbeing of children in the changing rooms. This does not mean that parents/guardians have no responsibility, but parents/guardians are often not in the pool complex at the time when children are swimming and training to exercise their duty of care.

***Written by Harpenden Swimming Club Welfare Officer in accordance with Swim England.***

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