



## **Blewbury Tennis Club Policy on Unsupervised Children**

**Parents/Carers are great for sport and at Blewbury Tennis Club the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is of paramount importance to us. We are committed to ensuring that safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice [NSPCC, LTA] requirements.**

To help us maintain these standards we kindly ask parents and carers to note the following:

### **Social Play**

Whilst at Blewbury Tennis Club we recommend that children **aged 12 years** or under are supervised by their parent/carer at all times.

Children under the agreed age of supervision should never be left unsupervised by a parent/carer even if there are other adult venue members or staff present. If the parent/carer is unable to supervise their child, arrangements need to be made by the parent/carer to designate an alternative adult to supervise. The venue and child must be aware of any such arrangements.

### **Coaching/Tennis Camps**

Whilst children **aged 12 years** and under are attending sessions with our LTA registered coaches, we recommend that parents/carers remain at Blewbury Tennis Club with their children who are in the Red (5-8yrs) and Orange (9-10yrs) groups.

As children progress past the Red and Orange groups, the parent/carer and their child, together with LTA registered coach may decide when the child is ready and happy to be left for the duration of the coaching session. In this instance, we recommend that the parent/carer returns to collect their child 5 minutes before the end of the session.

### **Arriving and leaving a venue alone**

Children under the agreed age of supervision should not be allowed to arrive at or leave the venue alone unless there is written consent\* from the parent/carer.

\*Written consent may be sent by email/text to the Adult/Coach leading the session.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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