



## **Policy on the Supervision of Children**

Children under the age of 12 are required to have parental supervision whilst at our Club and who are not participating in any Club sessions or private lessons, such as termly courses or racket camps. Children under the age of 12 should never be left at the Club unsupervised by a parent/carer – even if there are other adult Club members present. Parents and carers cannot assume that if there are adults around, one of them will watch and look after their child. If the parent/carer is unable to supervise their own child they need to make clear arrangements and designate an alternative adult to supervise them.

For coaching activities, we comply with the LTA guidance on coach to player ratios. 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 their child has been delivered directly to the Coach. Children under the stipulated age will not be allowed to leave a coaching session or racket camp unless permission has been given clearly in writing.

At least one of the supervising adults, will, where possible, be the same gender as the children. Situations where a child under 11 has to leave a venue session, for example, to use the toilet, will also be supervised. The nature of the supervision is at the discretion of the Coach according to the age of the child.

Children under the age of 8 will be taken to the toilet by a DBS checked member of the Coaching Team who will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required. If assistance within the changing room is required, only a DBS checked Coach of the same gender should enter the changing room. If assistance is required in the toilets, then a further DBS checked Coach should be present in the changing rooms, whilst also maintaining the privacy of the child.

Parents must collect their children from any coaching session or Club activity at the designated finish time.

Outside of any Club sessions, such as private lessons, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to supervise their children at the Club.

At the start of each term, the coaching team will contact all parents/carers of juniors on the Bourne Club Academy to remind them that no child under the age of 12 will be allowed to leave the Club after their coaching session finishes unless a parent/carer is there to collect them. If parents wish to give permission for their child to be left alone, this must be provided to James Cooles, Head Coach [jamescooles.coach@bourneclub.co.uk](mailto:jamescooles.coach@bourneclub.co.uk)

A list of children with permission will be distributed to the Coaches. No child may leave a coaching session alone.

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