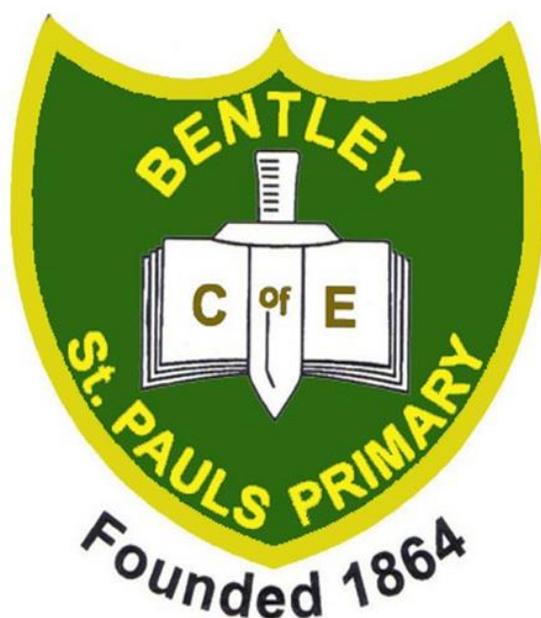


# BENTLEY ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## POLICY FOR CHANGING FOR PE



*'Growing together in faith, love and trust, we will succeed.'*

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## **Changing for PE Policy**

At Bentley St Paul's C of E Primary School, children from Reception to Year 4 will change together in their classrooms with the teacher or Physical Education teacher (unless request is made in writing by the parents), whoever is responsible for the class at the time to be within the class to help with any issues or problems. The staff member is to follow the Department for Education guidance at all times. Children in years 5/6 will get changed separately, with either the girls or boys (depending on the children) getting changed in the classroom and the others changing in another suitable room.

When changing the children are to be given a time limit to ensure that they change quickly, this could be in the form of a game to see who can change quicker and the time is recorded to see if they are able to beat it each time. Reward could be given to groups of children for changing first.

### **Swimming:**

During each session of swimming the Year 4 children change in separate changing rooms. Adequate members of staff of the same gender will go with the children in to the changing rooms. Any child with mobility issues will be given support and ample space to get changed. Risk assessments are now submitted at the beginning of the year to the local leisure centre with the correct provision for each school.

### **Guidance on supervising pupils in changing rooms – Department guidance**

The Department for Education, published guidance on safer working practice for adults who work with children and young people in education settings.

**<http://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Guidance-for-Safer-Working-Practices-2015-final1.pdf>**

### **Page 14 states:**

*Pupils are entitled to respect and privacy at all times and especially when in a state of undress, including, for example, when changing, toileting and showering. However, there needs to be an appropriate level of supervision in order to safeguard pupils, satisfy health and safety considerations and ensure that bullying or teasing does not occur. This supervision should be appropriate to the needs and age of the young people concerned and sensitive to the potential for embarrassment.*

### **This means that adults should:**

- Avoid any physical contact when children are in a state of undress
- Avoid any visually intrusive behaviour
- Announce their intention of entering changing rooms

**This means that adults should not:**

- Change in the same place as children
- Shower or bathe with children
- Assist with any personal care task which a child or young person can undertake by themselves

This policy will be reviewed on a biannual basis.