



Chess after school

For Junior Infants right through to 6th Class. Your child does not need to know a single rule to start.

DAY	TIME
STARTS	WEEKS
AGES	COST
TO SIGN UP	

JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANTS

First Moves

45 minute sessions

1ST & 2ND CLASS

Playing the Game

50 minute sessions

3RD TO 6TH CLASS

Thinking Ahead

60 minute sessions

What happens in a session

- Children play. Every session ends with a game actually finished, not abandoned.
- One idea a week, shown before it is named, so nobody has to hold a list of rules in their head.
- The youngest move about before they sit down. Forty-five minutes at a table is not how a five year old learns anything.
- Losing is planned for and talked about, because it happens to everybody every week.
- By the end of a block children are playing whole games by the real rules: short ones in the youngest group, full ones from 1st Class up.

Questions parents ask first

My child has never played.

Neither have most of them. The first weeks assume nothing at all, including not knowing which way round the board goes.

Do I need to know chess?

No. Nothing is sent home that a parent has to help with, and nothing needs practising during the week.

Is it competitive?

Not for the younger groups: short games and nobody keeping score. From 3rd Class up there are friendly ladder games inside the club.

What if we miss a week?

Nothing is lost. The next session picks a child up where the group is, and the fee covers the block rather than each week.

WHO TEACHES IT

Sessions are planned and taught by one person, who holds degrees in primary education and in early childhood education, has taught chess in schools and clubs since 2017, and has completed Introduction to Children First with Tusla. Garda Vetting is completed through the school before the first session.

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