



Chess Club

Autumn Term 2023. Latchmere Primary School (LAT)

Dear Parents,

After an **amazing** year of achievement for Latchmere chess pupils we are again offering a **Y3-Y6 After School** session and **Y3-Y4 and Y5-Y6 Lunchtime** sessions. With **limited places** available, After School is for **intermediate/advanced players only**. Lunchtime sessions are open to pupils of **any standard** including complete beginners on a **first-come-first-served basis**.

Chess is a fun game. It **improves concentration, memory, cognitive thinking and calculating ability**. It also **develops analytical skills**, training the mind to **plan ahead**.

We play and learn about strategy and tactics together

Although fun, it is not just about winning. They will learn from their losses and become more **resilient** and how to stay **calm under pressure**. You will see them grow in confidence as they progress. **Last year, several players were selected for Surrey!**

This Autumn Term all children will be prepared for the popular UK Chess Challenge (70,000 kids nationwide take part!) which starts in the Spring Term. This year Latchmere achieved 10 Giga Finalists. We became the first ever State Primary to become National Schools Girls Team Finalists. Five Latchmere pupils represented Surrey in U11 County Finals!

My name is Mark Hogarth, I am a very experienced Chess teacher, Junior Chess County selector, England International and qualified Chess Arbiter. Complete beginners are **taught from scratch** until they are ready to be assimilated into the main group which covers Openings/middlegame strategy/basic endgames & checkmating patterns.

County U11 Chess Selector • England Senior International • chess tournament director • managed nationally/internationally

Whilst working at Credit Suisse First Boston I also successfully pioneered Chess Partners as part of the Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership a Charity, teaching Primary School kids in London's East End.

The club will run for 10 weeks as follows:

Monday 3.30 - 4.25pm Y3 to Y6 £88 18th Sep- 16th Oct (5 weeks) and 30th Oct – 27th Nov 2023 (5 weeks)

Tuesday 12.30-1.00pm Y3 to Y4 £70 19th Sep- 17th Oct(5 weeks) and 31st Oct – 28th Nov 2023 (5 weeks)

Tuesday 1.00 -1.30pm Y5 to Y6 £70 19th Sep- 17th Oct(5 weeks) and 31st Oct – 28th Nov 2023 (5 weeks)

To register your interest in joining the club **please would you email** hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com the following information by **8 July 2023**:

- 1) Your Child's Name (First Name, Surname)
- 2) Year Group and Class
- 3) Session required (L – lunchtime, A – After School)
- 4) Chess Ability (e.g. beginner, basic moves, castling, chess notation)
- 5) Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Contact Name – **name who will collect, inc email address and mobile number if After School**

Open for bookings from on a **first-come-first-served basis**, limited to 26 players in each session. **Places will go fast, so please apply early to avoid missing out.** We will **email you directly** to confirm your child's place and at that stage send our **payment details** and general joining instructions. Cost for the Term is **£70 for lunch time, £88 for After School**. If you are in receipt of free school meals then chess is **free**.

Regards, Mark Hogarth, Chess Teacher, mark.hogarth@btinternet.com 07976 639080

Please note sessions will only be refunded in the event of a whole school closure.