## **Richmond Junior Chess Club**

## **Established 1975**

## 17 May 2024

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that the Chess Club will continue at The Vineyard School during Autumn Term 2024, on Friday afternoons, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. There will be two classes, one for Y2 & Y3 and one for Y4, Y5 & Y6. The chess club will be run by myself and Mariusz Janula, from Richmond Junior Chess Club (rjcc.org.uk). All standards will be catered for.

Bookings continue as termly. The dates for Autumn Term are as follows: September 6, 13, 20 & 27th; October 4, 11 & 18th; November 8, 15, 22 & 29th; December 6 & 13th for a total of 13 sessions in the term. There will be a break for an INSET day on October 25th and for half-term on November 1st. The cost of the club will be £120 for the term, which is £9.23 per session pro rata. There will be space for a maximum of 14 children in the Y2/3 class and 16 in the Y4/5/6 class. Unfortunately, we need to strictly enforce these limits.

Booking will use a web form, which can be found at: <u>https://rjcc.org.uk/schools/vineyard-school</u>. Bookings will open from 7 p.m. on Thursday, 18th July. The web-page will be available to read, but the Booking Form will not show on the page until then.

A limited number of places have been allocated by the school as deprivation places. The parents of the children concerned have been given a Priority Code, which guarantees them a place in the club and reduces the price to zero.

Some children from Years 3 to 6 are of suitable playing strength to compete for the school in this academic year. They have each also been given a Priority Code, which guarantees them a place, but they must naturally pay the normal rate.

If you have been given a Priority Code for your child, please take the place quickly. If your child no longer wants to take part, let me know by email at <u>richmond\_junior\_chess\_club@hotmail.com</u> as soon as possible, please. This is only fair to other children and parents.

Other children can join the club on a first come, first served basis. If there is no space available at the time they apply, they are also welcome to register in a waiting list, and if a place becomes free, the first child in the waiting list will be invited to take the place.

Note that although the payment gateway is provided by Paypal, you do not have to have a Paypal account to make payment. Simply click on the button which says "Pay by Debit or Credit Card".

In Years 4 to 6, weekly games between children of a suitable standard will be played with clocks and sent for rating by the English Chess Federation. To allow for the games to be rated, we need to ask for the children's Dates of Birth, which will be passed on to the English Chess Federation, which will use them exclusively to distinguish between players of similar name, and to determine eligibility for age restricted tournaments, and will never be passed on to any third party.

Yours faithfully,

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