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Dear parents, guardians and junior chess players

After a successful trial coaching session with secondary juniors yesterday, we are now in a position to invite junior players for coaching this term. We have conducted a risk assessment and devised a safe way of playing chess and of doing classroom style presentations. Each junior has their own chess set for the afternoon to avoid any touch transmission and face coverings are used when playing.

We are now inviting juniors from key stages 2, 3 and 4 to sign up for this term's coaching and tournament play; in practice this will mean from ages 8 to 15. Our large room has been limited to 18 usage by Wanstead House and the Government limits extra-curricular groups of children to 15.

Chess coaching will take place from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesdays starting on 22nd September. Face coverings must be worn at all times in the communal parts of Wanstead House unless exemptions apply and hand sanitiser is to be used on entry. Wanstead House no longer permits people to wait in the foyer more than a few minutes for pick-up or drop off. Some parents may wish either to use their cars for waiting or to be nearby; Mark and I will exercise duty of care but we would expect to have a telephone number for contact in the event of any concern.

There is a £25 termly fee to cover the cost of room hire which becomes payable from 22nd September or in the case of new players, their second visit. Registration for each session is now to be done online through our website so that we can easily meet our Track & Trace obligations.

Enrolment and payment for the term is also done online and it will be most helpful if this can be done very soon for this term, especially as we have number limits imposed on us both by the Government and by Wanstead House. <http://wansteadandwoodfordchess.club>

Not only do we plan to continue with the use of lichess.org (questionnaire coming through soon) but we plan to use lichess.org to have competitive teams of juniors playing juniors at other distant clubs.

Please find attached the following important documentation:

- Keeping Wanstead House safe
- Two-boarded chess
- Socially distanced Junior Coaching Chess Club

Regards

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