

Chess Kid

What is ChessKid?

Chess Kid is a website aimed at children which offers children the opportunity to play internet chess. It offers the following:

- Play chess against each other either in 'slow' games where the players may play a move every day or so, or in 'live' games where players play each other in a live game where each player has 5, 10, or 15 minutes on the clock. Players get a rating which goes up and down as they win and lose. This is available with a free account and use is unlimited.
- Chess puzzles – Can you find the right move? They range from very easy all the way to extremely hard. Players also get a puzzles rating.
Free account: max 5 puzzles per day
Gold membership: unlimited
- Access to videos and basic to intermediate lessons available on both memberships. Gold membership provides access to more advanced lessons.
- Parents get a free login which enables them to monitor their children.
- For those that are interested, gold membership is \$49 (US dollars) a year.
- Please try it out at www.chesskid.com

Suffolk Junior Chess & ChessKid

I think that ChessKid is a great site. The lessons are aimed at children and are much more entertaining than those on other chess sites such as Chess.com. It provides a great opportunity for children to play each other and to play puzzles, lessons, etc.

We are in the process of setting up "Suffolk Junior Chess" club on ChessKid and the idea is for the Suffolk junior chess players to be able to play each other on the internet. This will also help children from different clubs challenge each other. I hope that this will create good links between the clubs and schools and to also help the kids to improve.

I hope that in the medium to long term, a limited number of adults (max 3 or 4) who already run chess clubs in Suffolk will apply to be 'coaches' on the online club and this will enable them to run tournaments. These adults will be required to be enhanced DBS checked and will need to be approved by Suffolk Junior Chess committee.

On the form below, we ask that we can share between the members who has which username. This is so that players who are friends know that they are playing each other, otherwise it defeats the object of a local club.

Is ChessKid Safe?

As far as I can tell, it is completely safe. It is not possible for kids to put photos on the. All players have an Avatar from a pre-selected set of images – they choose the avatar that they like. The avatars available to adults are clearly distinguishable as adults.

All Suffolk Junior Chess coaches are enhanced DBS checked.

New members are required to select a username from a list of suggestions by ChessKid. This stops children using their own name in the username – again the emphasis being on safety online.

As I have suggested, it seems safe to me, but I would strongly urge you to check it out thoroughly for yourselves first.

I believe that it is possible for the coach of a club to put their picture online. I am currently the only 'coach', but there may be others. I intend to put my photo on the site so that people know who I am. In time there may be other coaches, and we will probably encourage them to put their photo online, again so that people know who is involved. I have passed enhanced DBS check so that I can help with the junior chess and we will insist that all coaches do likewise.

How to join Suffolk Junior Chess on ChessKid

1. Go to www.chesskid.com and create an account for the child and you sign up with a parents account as their guardian;
2. Complete the consent form overleaf and email it to me (a photo of the completed form is fine);
suffolkjuniorchess@gmail.com;
3. Make me a secondary guardian following the steps on page 3 of this document.

If you have any concerns...

You should keep my email address (suffolkjuniorchess@gmail.com) and also that of Adam Hunt (ahunt@woodbridgeschool.org.uk) and you should alert one or both of us if you have any concerns. Adam Hunt is a teacher at Woodbridge School and has been enhanced DBS checked.

Suffolk Junior Chess Consent Form for ChessKid

Name of Child

Date of Birth of Child

Boy / Girl?

Name of Parent / Guardian

My son/daughter's ChessKid username is:

I confirm that I have read the information overleaf about ChessKid

Yes / No

I confirm that I have reviewed the website for myself and have satisfied myself that the website is safe

Yes / No

I agree that Suffolk Junior Chess may keep this record

Yes / No

I agree to monitor my son / daughter and to check their safety online

Yes / No

I accept that while Suffolk Junior Chess will operate the club, they will not be held responsible for children's safety online.

Yes / No

Please invite my son/daughter to be a member of Suffolk Junior Chess on ChessKid

Yes / No

Suffolk Junior Chess will share a list between parents of who's username corresponds to which child so that the children know who they are playing when playing within the Suffolk Junior Chess online club.

Yes / No

Parents email addresses may be shared between members parents

Yes / No

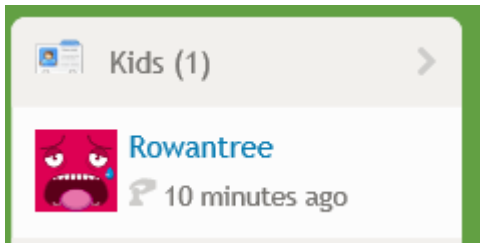
Signed

Contact email address

Creating an additional 'Guardian' on ChessKid

In opening a ChessKid account, a parent will be the primary guardian and will also have separate login to ChessKid. You will now need to set a Suffolk Junior Chess ChessKid 'coach' as a secondary guardian. To do this, you will need to do the following:

1. Log in to your parent / guardian account.
2. On the right hand side of the screen, you will see the Kids box where your son / daughter will be listed – click on your son / daughters username.



3. In the next screen, you will see their avatar and their username and, to the right, three lines and their ChessKid level – click on the three lines.



4. Click "Edit Kid"
5. Then, on the right of the screen, click "Edit guardianship"
6. Click "Add Guardian"
7. You will then need to add my chess email address (suffolkjuniorchess@gmail.com) to the email box and click "save".

A screenshot of the 'Add Guardian' form. It has a label 'Enter the email of the parent or coach' above an 'Email' input field. Below that is a 'Select Action' dropdown menu with 'Add Guardian' selected. At the bottom is an orange 'SAVE' button.

8. If you could then email me to confirm, I can then add them to the club.

You will then be the primary guardian and I will be a secondary guardian.