**Protocol for Parents and Players for online chess**.

**Devices**

Online chess can be played on phones, tablets, laptops pc’s or anything that connects to the internet. It is recommended to use a laptop or PC as the screen is bigger and it is easier to control your moves. When using a mouse ensure the surface gives easy control.

**Platforms**

We recommend lichess, chess.com or chess24. We will always use lichess for tournaments as it has several advantages over other sites. However, it is not perfect and they all have their drawbacks.

**Parents**

We advise parents to monitor any activities on the internet, including chat and messaging. When a child is playing chess online you should make periodic checks as to what is happening. Coaches will communicate with children and answer their questions – please monitor this and make sure you are satisfied the child is asking appropriate questions and adults are giving appropriate responses.

**Make sure children are not using any other devices, books or getting any help when playing chess online.**

They can analyse games after tournament or playing one off matches (we recommend this), but not during a competition or match.

ONLY have one window open and do not click off onto other windows during games. This is detected by the platforms and deemed as cheating.

**Players**

Make sure your parents are aware you are playing chess online.

**Do not use any devices, books, notes you have made or any people to help you when you are playing.**

ONLY have **one window** open and do not click off onto other windows during games. This is detected by the platforms and deemed as cheating.

Do not use chat to comment on other people’s games, although you can in the spectator room.

Do not chat while playing. Only use chat to talk about chess and keep it pleasant – never accuse anyone of anything in chat. If you have any complaints message the controller privately.

Only analyse games **after a tournament has finished** and do not discuss games in chat during the tournament. Feel free to do as much analysis as you want at the end of a tournament and discuss with opponents then.

If you enter a tournament, play in it and COMPLETE IT. Only withdraw for a good reason, and if you do, tell the organiser what the reason is and withdraw properly.

If you have connection problems let the organiser know by phone.

Do not do pre-moves in rapidplay unless down to last 30 seconds in a game.

Never abandon a game – if you are losing badly and don’t want to carry on – resign.

Do not offer draws or resign after a few moves – play the game properly. If you have an emergency and need to leave a game let the organiser know.

Do not offer draws repeatedly, just as this is not allowed in over the board chess it can be regarded as abuse online.