

## 2024 Junior Camps (3-4 years old)

All Camp Information can be found below:

### Junior Camp Location:

Christ the King. G.N.S, Annaly Road, D07 DC56\*

25 – 28 March	09 – 12 July	15 – 18 July
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\* **Please note:** Entrance to the camp will actually take place at the **boys school side** on Breglia Road. See Map Below. It's only a 60 second walk around the corner from the girl school entrance.



### Facilities:

Christ the King offers a lovely PE hall in a separate building to the main school. It has toilets attached which is ideal for private hire. We also have use of their large yard with a soft spongy area in one corner. The yard is completely closed off from the public and enclosed on 4 sides, which allows for maximum supervision and safety.

**Rainy Days:** We aim to get outside as much as possible so encourage all parents to pack a rain jacket. If weather is too bad, we have contingency activities in the hall.



### Contact Information:

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All contact should be made through email. We are very proud of our excellent customer service. **99% of queries are answered within 24hrs.** Contact by phone should be reserved for emergencies only.

### Camp Times:

- Junior Camp runs from **9.30am – 1pm daily.**
- Children may arrive as **early as 9:15am** and may be collected from **12:45pm onwards.**
- The Underdog Games Team are not responsible for children’s wellbeing before 9:15am.

### Remaining Balance Due Dates:

For those registering with a deposit only, it's important to be aware of the following payment deadlines:

- **Easter Camps:** Final Balance for our Easter Camp is due on or before: **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**
- **Summer Camps:** Final Balance for ALL Summer Camps is due on or before: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

**\*Please note:** If payment is not received by the above dates you may lose your child's place.

### Pick up / Drop Off Procedures:

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult when arriving and departing camp. A member of staff will tick off the child's name at the beginning and end of the day.

- **Arrival / Collection:** Parents **are permitted** to enter the hall in order to complete sign in and sign out. However, they are encouraged to exit the hall promptly to allow for a swift flow of people. A faster exit will make it easier for your child to settle.

**Please note:** Parents are **NOT ALLOWED** to stay on the premises during the camp. This is an insurance protocol and child-safety issue.

For the safety of the campers, kindly notify us in advance if there is a specific adult who is **not authorised** to pick up your child.

### \*\* 2024 Injury Waiver Form \*\*

All parents **must electronically sign** the Injury Waiver Form **prior to their child's first camp in 2024.**

This indemnifies the camp against claims accruing from an unavoidable and accidental injury sustained while participating in physical activity. The Underdog Games is committed to the highest safety standards when running our camps but despite our efforts it will never be possible to 100% eradicate the risk of injury. By filling in the form now it will make it a much smoother process when arriving on Day 1. Please see form link below.

[2024 Injury Waiver Form: CLICK HERE](#)

**One completed form is required per calendar year (2024)** and it covers you for all camps undertaken in that year. Therefore, if you signed the form in 2023 you'll need to complete it again.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day Procedure:

We understand that participating in a Easter or Summer Camp for the 1<sup>st</sup> time can be a daunting experience for some children (particularly our Junior Campers!). We try to alleviate that worry by

providing as much information as possible to the parents/guardians so they can pass it on to their little ones.

1<sup>st</sup> day procedures upon arrival:

- **Colour Groups:** Children will be given a name tag, coloured bib and coloured wristband indicating their group for the week. They will be shown to their group's spot in the hall / yard where they can start playing with the toys in that area. Please see list of groups below:



- **Secret Bell:** After all the children have arrived (usually 15 mins) a member of staff will ring a bell to secretly announce to the remaining parents that they must exit the hall. We've found that a 'big announcement' can cause panic and tears so we've opted for a more subtle approach.
- **Activities:** As soon as the last of the parents exit the hall, each group can begin the first of their exciting activities for the day!

The remaining days of camp will start with a similar routine

### Timetable:

Each colour group will have a **structured timetable for the week**, comprising of a diverse range of exciting team games, stations and free play.

### Staff:

We are fortunate to avail of excellent staff members at The Underdog Games. Each are Garda Vetted and experienced working with children. Majority are Student Teachers. Each camp will have an on-site **Camp Manager** who will oversee the running of the camp.

The camp is owned and operated by experienced primary school teacher, Kevin Beakey. Kevin has been teaching for the last 8 years in a wide variety of schools in Dublin while also gaining valuable experience working with children in the US and Australia.

### Ratio (1:5):

We offer an amazing ratio of 1 staff for every 5 children!  
This ensures maximum supervision of our young campers.

### Lunches:

- The children will have **two breaks** similar to school structure. They will eat within their assigned group and will be mandatory to clean their hands prior to eating.
- The Underdog Games do **NOT** provide lunches.
- We encourage children to bring a **big labelled Bottle of Water (500ml)** with a secure lid or cap to avoid spillages. Re-fills may not be permitted so it's important your child has sufficient to last the day.
- Please note **fizzy drinks** and **crisps/popcorn** are NOT permitted.
- Please be advised our camp is **STRICTLY NUT AND EGG FREE**. This includes Nutella. A number of children attending are allergic. Please double check snacks before adding to lunch box to be sure.
- Children are **NOT allowed to share food** under any circumstances.
- Please ensure your children have 'easy-to-open' snacks.

### Activities:

Range of team games focusing on learning fundamental movement skills – throwing, catching, running, skipping etc.

Range of Free Play (Aistear) activities focused on developing cognitive skills as well as social skills and turn taking.

Whole Camp games designed to be a fun and exciting as possible! (including Obstacle Courses, Tug-of-War, Relays, Treasure Hunts etc).

### Child Groupings:

Children will be placed in **5-6 pods of approx. 8-10**. They will have a variety of games with just their pod, together with another pod of similar age and also large activities with the whole camp. It's the perfect balance of small, medium and large sized games.

### Lost Property:

Please be advised that The Underdog Games Team accept no responsibility for any loss of valuables at our camps. We urge children to leave any unnecessary items at home (especially toys!)

Please ensure all clothing is labelled (including their water bottle)

**Policy:** All Lost Property will either be discarded or donated to charity at the end of each week if not claimed.

### What to Bring / not to Bring?

#### Yes:

1. Packed Lunch
2. Comfortable footwear to run in.
3. Comfortable clothing (they may get a little worn)
4. **LABELLED Jumper/jacket for outside**
5. Labelled bottle of water

#### Optional but strongly advised:

- **Spare underpants / trousers** in case of a toilet-related emergency!

#### No:

1. Loose hanging jewellery
2. Open toe footwear (sandals/flip-flops)
3. Valuables (you won't need them!)
4. Toys
5. Any sharp objects

### Toilets:

As mentioned above, the PE hall has toilets attached. Children will be accompanied as far as the door of the bathroom. Staff will not enter the bathroom while a child is present inside, unless in cases of emergencies.

We incorporate set 'toilet breaks' for each group throughout the day. This encourages the 'more shy' children to use the toilet while at camp, and thus, reduces the risk of accidents. Children may use the toilet outside of these times also.

**Important:** Your child must be well practiced in using the toilet independently. We will have **toilet training seats** available for those who require it (or feel free to provide your own from home if that would be more comfortable).

### First Aid:

At least 1 member of staff on site will be trained in First Aid.

If your child sustains a minor injury, we have a Med Bag containing antiseptic wipes, medical gloves, plasters, ice packs, cotton swabs etc. It's imperative you **disclose any allergies** your child has to such items.

We operate an opt-out policy for basic first aid at our camps. If you do not want a member of our team to provide first aid treatment you must provide this instruction in writing prior to the camp's start date.

**Policy for Head knocks:** All significant bangs to the head will prompt an automatic call to the parents.

### Sun Cream:

We encourage you to have sun-cream applied prior to arriving at camp each morning. Please note it is not the responsibility of staff members to apply sun cream to your child.

### Other Important Documents:

It's important to familiarise yourself with the following documents prior to camp:

- **Terms and Conditions:**
- **Privacy Policy:**
- **2024 Camp Risk Assessment:**
- **2024 Child Safeguarding Policy:**

Links to each of the above documents can be found on our website:

<https://www.theunderdoggames.ie/juniorcamps>

Thank you for taking the time to read through our 2024 Junior Camp Information Document!

