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# Dublin 7
# 2026 Senior Camps (5-12 years old)

*All Camp Information can be found below:*

## 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:

- Camp runs from **9am – 2pm daily.**
- Children may arrive as **early as 8:45am** and may be collected from **1:45pm onwards.**
- The Underdog Games Team are not responsible for children's wellbeing before 8:45am.

## Dublin 7: Camp Location

All 11 weeks of Easter / Summer / Halloween camps will be held at:

**St. Dominic's College, Ashtown, Ratoath Road, D07 NX47.**

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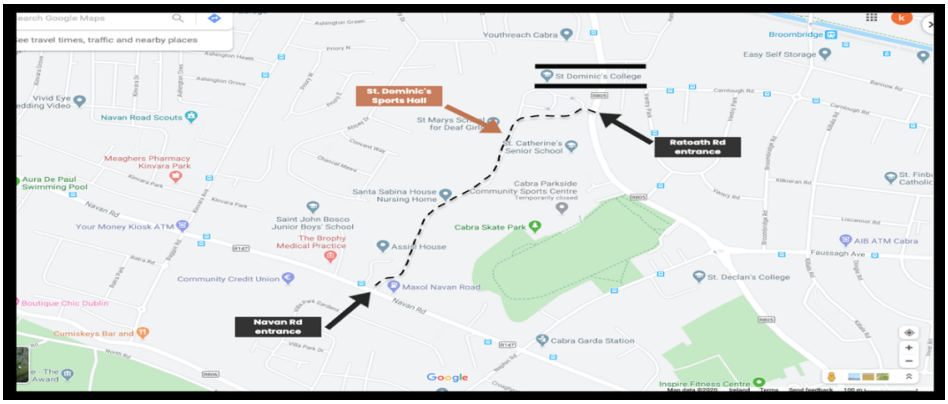
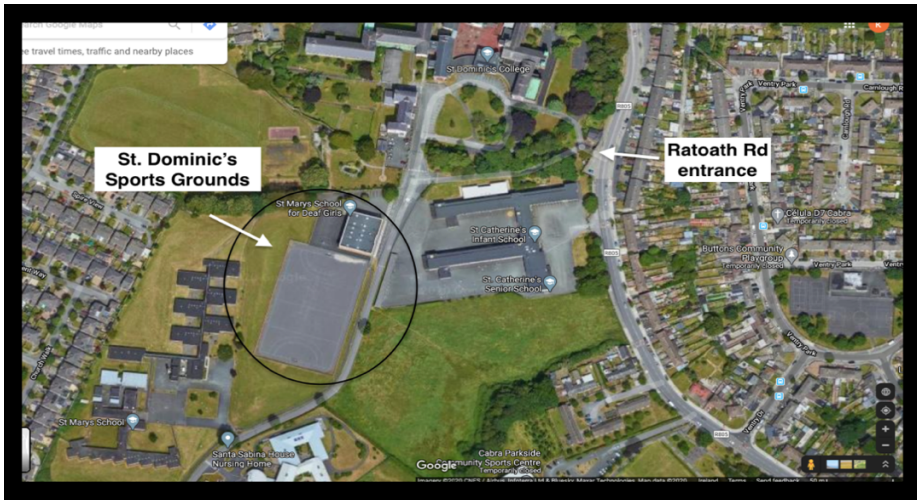
| **30 Mar – 02 April** | **07 – 10 April** | **29 June – 03 July** | **06 – 10 July** | **13 – 17 July** |
| **20 – 24 July** | **27 - 31 July** | **04 – 07 August** | **10 – 14 August** | **17 – 21 August** |
| **26 – 30 October** | | | | |

Please note the college has two entrances, one from Ratoath Road and one from Navan Road.

Navan Road will be accessible by CARS and PEDESTRIANS
Ratoath Road will be accessible by PEDESTRIANS ONLY

If using Google Maps while driving, search for 'Maxol Navan Road'. Searching for 'St. Dominic's College' will take you to the Pedestrian Gate on Ratoath Road.






## 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 ALL Easter Camps is due on or before: **Friday 20th March 2026**
- **Summer Camps:** Final Balance for ALL Summer Camps is due on or before: **Friday 19th June 2026**
- **October Camps:** Final Balance for ALL Halloween Camps is due on or before: **Friday 16th October 2026**

*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 our Senior camps. A member of staff will tick off the child's name at the beginning and end of the day.
If parents wish for their child to walk to and from camp independently, they **must email their consent** to the Camp Director at info@theunderdoggames.ie prior to camp starting:

*"I **(parent's name)** give consent for my child **(name)** to walk to and from camp independently for the following dates: **(insert dates)**"*

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.

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**St. Dominic's College, Dublin 7:**

- Arrival / Collection: Parents are **NOT permitted** to enter the building in order to complete sign in and sign out. Please form a socially distanced queue outside and your child will be brought in / out one at a time.

## ** 2026 Injury Waiver Form **

All parents **must electronically sign** the Injury Waiver Form prior to their child's first camp in 2026.

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.

https://app.waiversign.com/e/6485c897154d280019f01d6b/doc/696a20f87e40ad00139e1f36?event=none

One completed form is required per calendar year (2026) and it covers you for all camps undertaken in that year. Therefore, if you signed the form in 2025 you'll need to complete it again.

## 1st Day Procedure:

We understand that participating in a Easter or Summer Camp for the 1st time can be a daunting experience for some children. 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.

1st day procedures upon arrival:

- **Colour Groups:** Children will be 'checked off' as they arrive and will be given a coloured wristband indicating their group for the week. They will be shown to their group's spot in the hall where they can leave their belongings. Each day of camp begins with free play with balls, hoops, cones etc. This allows the children to settle in while we wait for everyone to arrive.

- **Whistle:** After all the children have arrived (usually 15 mins) a member of staff will blow the whistle and children will line up in their groups. They will be given a name tag and introduced to their Camp Leader for the week.

- **Activities**: As soon as they have been explained the rules and safety features at camp by their respective Camp Leader they can start the first of their many exciting games of the day!

The remaining days of camp will start with a similar routine

## Staff

We are fortunate to avail of excellent staff members at The Underdog Games. Each staff is Garda Vetted and experienced working with children. Majority are Student Teachers. There is usually a **minimum of 7 present** each day during the camp (subject to camper numbers), including 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 10 years in a wide variety of schools in Dublin, while also gaining valuable experience working with children in the US and Australia.

## Staff / Child Ratio:

**1 : 11**

- We do our best to cater to the needs of every child. However, parents must be aware of this ratio. In order for your child to be suitable at our camp they must be able to flourish in a loud, active and fast paced environment with a 1:11 ratio. **We are unable to provide 1:1 care.**
- If the Camp Manager determines that your child requires continuous individual support (1-to-1) in order to maintain appropriate safeguarding, your child will no longer be permitted to attend our camp.

## Lunches

The children will have **two breaks** similar to school. They will eat within their assigned group.
The Underdog Games do **NOT** provide lunches.
We encourage children to bring a **big labelled Bottle of Water (750ml)** and avoid fizzy drinks and crisps/popcorn. Re-fills may not be permitted so it's important your child has sufficient to last the day.
Chewing gum is not allowed.
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.

## What to Bring / not to Bring?

**Yes:**

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

**No:**

1. Loose hanging jewellery
2. Open toe footwear (sandals/flip-flops)
3. Valuables (you won't need them!)
4. Toys or Playing Cards
5. Any sharp objects
6. **Phone / Electronics** (must be left at home / or switched off and left in bag for full camp day)

## Toilets:

**St. Dominic's College:**

- There are also two sets of toilets inside the sport building. Despite being a private venue, **our staff will still NEVER leave a child unaccompanied** to go to the bathroom. This is a strict policy to ensure maximum child safety standards. Extra monitoring of hand washing will be observed.

## Child Groupings:

Children will be placed in **age-based pods of approx. 15.**

Each child will receive a **coloured wristband** on arrival to camp each day. This identifies their pod (group) for the week to all the staff members.

| Pod | Partner Pod | Age Range |
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| Orange | Green | Youngest (approx. 5-6) |
| Blue | Yellow | Middle (approx. 7-9) |
| Purple | Red | Oldest (approx. 10+) |

Please note the **age range** of each colour pod **may fluctuate** from week to week as it is completely dependent on who signs up to camp. For example: the average age in the Oldest pods (Red/Purple) may be 11 one week and only 9 the next week.

Please be advised that, despite our best efforts, it **may not be possible** to group your child with his or her friend(s) and sibling(s). We will do our best.

## Timetable:

Each age-based pod will have a **structured timetable for the week,** comprising of a diverse range of exciting games and activities.

They will have a variety of games with just their pod, together with their partner pod of similar age and also large activities with the whole camp. It's the perfect balance of small, medium and large sized games.

## Activities:

40+ diverse and exciting team games per week (approx. 8-10 per day). The activities are all non-boisterous and encourage teamwork and a broad skillset. Examples include Dodgeball, Tug of War and Capture the Flag.

## 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 water bottle)
As parents are not permitted to enter the building at St. Dominic's, it's even more important that the children don't bring any unnecessary items as they will have to pack up their own bags independently.

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

## First Aid

There will be a minimum of 1 staff member trained in First Aid each week.

A First Aid Bag is present at all times during the camps. It contains plasters, disinfectant wipes/sprays, medical gloves, ice packs, bandages 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.

## Water Games: (Summer Only)

We aim to run Water Activities for each group once during Summer Camps **(NOT including camps at Easter)**

Unless otherwise stated here is the Scheduled Days for Water Activities for each colour pod:

- **Blue / Yellow / Purple / Red: Wednesday**
- **Orange / Green: Tuesday**

What to Bring for Water Activities?

**1.** Spare change of Clothes
**2.** Towel
**3.** Water Gun (if you have one)

Please ensure all personal items **(incl. water gun)** are LABELLED!

Children can opt out of the Water activities at their own discretion (we won't force a child to get soaked against their will!). However, **we encourage parents to pack the above items just in case** as quite often, when they see the other children having fun, they change their mind and want to join in.

## 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 | Camp Risk Assessment | Child Safeguarding Policy |
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Links to each of the above documents can be found on the Senior Camp page on our website.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our 2026 Senior Camp Information Document for Dublin 7!