The family checklist: where to start

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1. Which book first? Tick the line that fits your learner.

- ☐ Has never moved a chess piece → **Square One: Chess from Zero** (six short sessions), then the White Belt Student Book.
- ☐ Knows how the pieces move → **the White Belt Student Book**.
- ☐ Already plays well → still start with **White**; a licensed site can place a strong learner higher by the placement rule at entry.
- ☐ You want to help without learning chess yourself → **the Family Guide** (its PDF is free to every licensed site).

2. What one book holds. One twelve-week cycle: five chapters, five STEM labs, practice with answers at the back, and a Family corner in every chapter.

3. Ten minutes a day at home.

- ☐ **Day 1 to 2:** read the chapter's Family corner together and ask its one question.
- ☐ **Day 3 to 4:** do the five-minute Family corner activity; you need no chess knowledge.
- ☐ **Day 5:** your learner does one page of practice; check it with the answers at the back.
- ☐ **Lab week:** ask your learner to explain the lab's graph or table to you in one minute.
- ☐ **Every game:** your learner says the Safety Check before every move: checks, captures, threats.

4. Earning a rank. Ranks are awarded only at a licensed site, after its Rank Day. A learner passes at 70 or more, with no attribute below Developing and conduct at Proficient. Families receive a Rank Progress Report within two weeks of Rank Day.

5. Your learner's privacy. Sites keep records by student code, not by name, and publish no learner's name, photograph or score without written consent. Never send us a learner's name, age or school.

6. Prices. Square One $12.99; the Family Guide $9.99; each Student Book $22.99 in colour paperback (each introductory, subject to counsel).

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