



OurKidsCode
FAMILY CODING CLUBS

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES: 6 KEY POINTS ABOUT OURKIDSCODE

1. OurKidsCode is not a drop off activity.

- Parent or legal guardians must participate with their child for the entirety of every MeetUp.
- Parents are solely responsible for their children during the MeetUp.
- Other family members or child minders cannot substitute for parents under any circumstances

2. OurKidsCode is a whole-family activity

- Parents and children take an active role in doing projects together.
- Club MeetUps are not classes or school!
- Clubs should encourage a relaxed, safe and fun environment where families can enjoy creating together.

3. OurKidsCode clubs are cooperative

- All participants, children especially, are encouraged to take an active part in organising and running MeetUps, helping others, sharing their ideas and choosing projects.

4. Registration with OurKidsCode

- All families must be registered with OurKidsCode before attending the workshop
- The registration link is provided here:

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/OKC_FREE_FAMILY_CODING_WORKSHOPS_FEB2024

5. Check In, Reaction and Evaluation

- OurKidsCode is free for families to participate, but we are a research project and data is essential to our growth and success.
- Families take responsibility for ensuring that the check in and reaction forms are done at every MeetUp.
- Check In shows us how active clubs are – we can plan to support.
- Reaction and Evaluation forms help us improve what we do.

6. OurKidsCode 6-Step MeetUps

- Each MeetUp should follow the same steps as developed by OurKidsCode: Set Up, Warm Up, Create, Share, Reflect & Plan.



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INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES: WHAT IS OURKIDSCODE?

OurKidsCode:

- Is a research project based in Trinity College Dublin
- a non-commercial entity
- funded by Science Foundation Ireland, the Department of Education and the Department of Rural and Community Development.
- Supports families to run their own OurKidsCodeclubs by providing access to materials, projects, training and events to stimulate their curiosity and creativity

OurKidsCode aims to:

- increase **parental involvement** and promote greater **diversity** in computer education
- provide **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) opportunities for families with primary aged children, particularly in rural communities
- build a network and community of **family coding clubs** across Ireland where parents and children enjoy doing creative coding projects together.

OurKidsCodeMeetUps are:

- Family-run and cooperative.
- Member families meet regularly to do coding and crafting projects together.
- Not a drop and go activity! Parents and kids work together in a family team.
- a safe environment for parents and kids to be creative, playful, informed, engaged, curious and empowered in their use of technology.
- child-centredwith emphasis on having fun and being social.
- families working together, increases confidence in coding in a fun and relaxed way.
- OurKidsCodeMeetUps are social, enjoyable and a great way to get to know local families with shared interests.
- an expert free zone! No technical experience necessary! The only requirements are access to a laptop and some enthusiasm.
- happening in a local venue, e.g., BCP (Broadband Connection Point), library, sports club, community centre or after-school setting