

10 TOP TIPS FOR RUNNING YOUR CODE CLUB

- Start with a small group while you establish the the club – you can increase the number of members later.
- Complete the project yourself before the session with the club members; this should take 30 minutes.
- Start the session by showing the club members a completed version of the project so they know what they are working towards.
- Don't worry if the club members don't follow the projects exactly. They learn the most by experimenting.
- Save paper by using the Code Club projects online – club members will soon get used to switching tabs in their web browser.



- Try paired programming: encouraging club members to work through the projects together can improve concentration and teamwork.
- Don't immediately correct the club members' mistakes. Instead, point them in the right direction and let them find bugs themselves.
- Doing a planned show-and-tell session two or three times a term will allow the club members to feel proud of their work.
- Download certificates from the Code Club site to give out – kids love them!
- Set up a local Code Club meetup where you can talk to fellow teachers and exchange helpful advice.

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