



Setting up a Scratch account for your child as part of a class

Dear parent or guardian,

At Code Club, young people will be using a range of free coding applications to learn to program. One of these is Scratch (scratch.mit.edu), a globally popular block-based programming language developed by MIT to help children learn the basics of coding by making fun projects.

Scratch gives educators (including Code Club leaders) the option to set up and manage accounts for the young people in their class or club. This enables young people to save their projects and engage with the wider Scratch community. They will be able to share their projects publicly and comment on other people's creations if they wish, using a nickname, and without sharing any of their personal information publicly.

I wanted to share that I intend to set up a Scratch student account for your child. I will be adding those in the club to a "class" where young people can share their Scratch projects with other children in the club.

This type of account will allow me, and other mentors at our Code Club, to manage password resets, moderate projects and comments, and deal with other issues related to creators' accounts.

To finalise the account creation process your child will be required to provide a password and demographic data. This includes their gender (optional), their birth month and year, and country of residence, but does not require your child's name or email address. No personal information, including the demographic data, provided by the child when creating the account is viewable by those who manage the Teacher account.

You can learn more about Scratch at scratch.mit.edu/parents and see their terms at scratch.mit.edu/terms_of_use.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:

Thank you,

Club leader,