Code Club at a distance

Dear Parent / Carer,

In these very unusual times we have been forced to discontinue Code Club after school. That decision had been made ahead of the announcement to close all schools for the foreseeable future.

However, we would like to propose to you that we run Code Club as a virtual club online for club members for the duration of school closures. The Raspberry Pi foundation have produced guidelines covering what needs to be in place to do this. They have also run a webinar attended by club leaders from all over the world discussing the experiences of those that have been successful in doing this, even in very difficult circumstances, notably in Italy.

One of the critical success factors highlighted is the need for parental involvement. We are not expecting you to get involved in code club projects but, as we will not be physically able to make sure that all is as it should be, some parental supervision of the club sessions is called for. We will also seek your consent, should we need to, to use apps that require parental approval. We will send you detailed instructions about how and when to access the club later.

Code club members will also be given clear instructions along with clear rules for on-line behaviour.

From a safeguarding perspective there will always be two club leaders on-line whenever the club meets in much the same way as there is now. All communication will be through open shared channels and none will be via social media.

In order to assess the viability of doing this we need some information about what equipment pupils have access to at home and other matters. Please use this link https://forms.gle/jed4pLYnBZtVB4kWA to answer an on-line questionnaire about levels of interest and equipment etc. We will email you again about our next steps once we have that data.

If you have any questions or concerns then please email the school at comms@woodbridgeprimary.suffolk.sch.uk putting “Code Club” in the title please.

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Code Club Leaders

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