**Hythe Library Code Club**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

Your child’s name has been added to our Code Club waiting list and we will enrol them as soon as there is a vacancy and resources permit. The official age range is 8 – 13 and although there is some flexibility, we do ask that your child is a keen, independent reader as coding involves reading, understanding and following written instructions.

Code Club runs during term time on Thursdays from 3:45pm – 4:45pm at Hythe library. The last 15 minutes of each session are set aside for a “show-and-tell” activity where the young coders are encouraged to give a brief demonstration of their efforts and you are more than welcome to attend to see what they have been doing during each session.

Attendees typically code in a program called Scratch which is a feature-rich application that runs in a browser and there is also an off-line version. If you are curious, and we like curious, you can see more here: <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor>.

We’ll need your permission to use your child’s library card to create a Scratch account (please see attached form) as well as a Raspberry Pi Foundation (official sponsors of Code Club & CoderDojo) account. We may need to create other accounts as your child progresses but this will depend on how they develop and what they enjoy.

The volunteers who run the code club like to keep you up-to-date with other activities especially those offered during school holidays when they typically run a two-hour session for those aged 7 – 17 under the CoderDojo banner. It would therefore be helpful if you could also register yourself and your child here:

<https://zen.coderdojo.com/dojos/gb/hythe-southampton/hythe-southampton>

so that you receive advanced notification of events and can book your child a place.

If you’d like more information, please feel free to mail the volunteers at hythe.uk@coderdojo.com or just pop in on Thursday afternoon for a chat. You can usually find them setting up from 15:00 and they are always happy to help.

Hythe Library Team

NB: All our volunteers and staff have been DBS vetted