

TCR e-learning system Q&A

What are the fees for the courses?

Fee structures – a course runs for 12 lessons – revision and/or test included			
Tick the chosen payment method. Invoices will be send to the registered email address			
1	R230 Monthly (x 3 months/course)	On the 1 st of each month (total R690) <i>(or normal term fee if you are a current customer – on 1st course)</i>	
2	Referrals	Anybody that refers new people can get 10% of their referred customer's fee debited to their own account (up to 3 months) as long as the new customer is registered and paid in full.	
3	Combination packages (see price or nr 1 above)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1st course – full price2nd course = less 25% of full price3rd course = less 50% of full price (extra special)4th course = less 25% of full price	R690 R515 R345 R515

Are these courses at an additional fee to our current term fees for robotics?

No, it is not additional to your current fees. If you have paid for the 2nd term you are allowed to choose any one of the courses to do at home. Parents that cannot afford the full term fee at once can choose one of the other 2 payment options to help them through this difficult time.

Is it open to anybody?

Yes, new customers can also register for these online courses. No robotics background is necessary.

What does "Virtual" mean?

Classes are online and so is the software that we use for the different lessons. You do not need any LEGO sets for these classes

Which equipment do I need for the e-learning system?

You will need a:

1. PC/laptop
2. webcam and microphone
3. ADSL/fibre internet
4. Microsoft Office (For the computer and Kine-Khodi lessons)
5. PDF reader.
6. LEGO if you do any of the 3 additional LEGO classes

What happens when schools begin?

The courses are worked on 12 weeks. If it happens that the schools start within that time, we will reschedule the timetable.

What are the costs of LEGO sets?

At the moment I have 2 sets of each in Vanderbijlpark at a discounted price. Keep in mind that we do not have the charger for the EV3 so all sets will use normal batteries to operate.
(the chargers were not delivered to SA in time because of the travel bans)

		Retail price	Discounted price
45544	LME EV3 Core Set	8600	8200
9686	Simple & Powered Machines Set	3900	3700
45300	LEGO® Education WeDo2.0™ Core Set	3750	3600

How many classes are in a course?

All online, scheduled, lesson plans are worked on 10 lessons, the 11th lesson is for revision, the 12th lesson is for a test – it is optional but you will get a certificate form TCR if you complete the test.

This does not count for the “Computers Junior” or “Kine-Khodi” classes.

How does the different payment methods work?

Current customers pay either R600/term or R780/term, depending on whether they are public school or private school. Invoices will still be sent out as per normal school terms. This will allow each paid member access to one e-learning course that they choose.

New members can choose the monthly payment option of R230/month or if they pay for all three months ahead it will be discounted to the R600/term.

The private schools that are paying for 4 months – well we truly hope that by the 4th month we will be back at the schools. If not, we will carry the balance forward to another online course.

If you (parent) wants your child to join but has financial difficulty because of the lockdown, we have a referral program. If you can get friends to subscribe as well you will get 10% of each of their payments for their 1st course. We will debit your account with the money which makes your payment easier on your budget.

If you want to register for more than one class, you will get the 3rd and 4th class at a discount as set out in the registration form.

What kind of format is the online sessions?

We do not use Zoom as they have security issues. Our e-learning system is setup on a Moodle e-learning site. All registered and paid members will receive an inksmart email with the login details before the 1st class. Please check your spam regularly as it is a gmail email account. The scheduled classes will need Sound / webcam, internet ads/fibre, not mobile data. If you do not have access to a lot of data, you can still get access to the classes as all of them have PDF lessons and the classroom live video will be loaded during the week end following the class.

Does the e-learning replace the current robotics classes at school?

Yes, as we cannot reach our children at the moment and many parents have paid and indicated the children wants to continue, we have worked on getting our classes online. We had our curriculum already changed to be in line with the new government curriculum outcomes that were supposed to

be phased in from next. All that happens now, is that the coding or computer parts are now available online. We would have done it in the 3rd term at school. We are just changing our term around a bit and ask the help of the children to do some of the lessons now at home. This way they do not lose out on any lessons.

How do I know for which class to sign up?

Our current Gr4-9 kids have done the Micro:bit class in the first term. So they can choose from the other courses. ML Cad is the next step.

Gr3's can choose Scratch as that is what we would do in September.

The younger ones was going to do Kine-Khodi in between the LEGO lessons so if they can do that it will be great.

The computer lessons are just as important as it is one of the new curriculum requirements of the government in the future.

New members can start with any of the courses.

Will the current paid members get preference to the classes?

Yes where possible, but they need to respond quickly

What is needed to register?

Both pages of the registration forms need to be emailed back to the given email on the form. The emails differ as we have companies across SA that is part of the program during the lockdown time. Please send it back to your direct contact.

What happens if I have paid for term 2 but do not want to do the online lessons?

We sincerely hope that you will consider staying in the group and continue as it will form part of the lessons of the year. If you really don't see your way open please contact us.

What does the Kine-Khodi sessions involves on the e-learning session?

The "how to" will be given to parents during that session on how to do the work with the children at home. We don't want the younger ones to be confined to a specific time as it can be too stressful. We will give you the information on how to do the sessions at home.

What is the difference between Kine-Khodi and the computer lesson?

Kine-Khodi is where the children learn to do coding. They will only use printed codes or they can do it on Excel.

The computer lessons are keyboard skills, phonics and themes according to each grade on Powerpoint. So basically it is school aided work while learning the basics of computers.

When do I receive the links to the course?

When we have received your registration form to indicate your choice of subject and class time.

What happens if I am not available to watch the Kine-Khodi at the given time but still want to register for that?

Please let us know so that we can allocate that time to somebody else. You will still be able to watch a recorded video of the session later in the week.