

Hi,

Delighted you guys would like to be involved in our DJ for a day show. Essentially this is our attempt to show the world how much children love music and let them share the songs you love with other kids.

In order to use the recordings, we must get consent from both parents/guardians. I've attached a consent form here. You can fill it in digitally or, if you print and sign it, a photo of the full document can be emailed back and kept on file.

Usually, this would be something we would do in studio but, given ongoing restrictions, we've had to adapt. Currently, the best and safest way for us to get recordings with kids is via voice memo on their parent's phones. The audio quality isn't bad at all and lets you record in a comfortable environment with your child. My main tips would be

- Record in a room with soft furnishings. A living room is ideal. And better than a kitchen. This will offer better acoustics and less reverberation, offering a cleaner recording.
- Have the phone held (by your child) as if they were on a call to record the person speaking. If this doesn't work, ensure the phone is no further than 30cm from them as they speak.
- Don't feel the need to script what's being said. Unless it will help them. Natural is far better and it's hard to read out things at the best of times, let alone when you're being recorded.
- Record individual files for each link/chat about the song. That way it's easy for us to edit them around the music.
- Have Fun!

So on to the task in hand. The show will be about 25 minutes long. This will make up 7 – 8 songs at most.

- Choose 7 –8 songs with your child that they like listening to. (Don't feel constrained to any one genre but they can't contain any bad language or inappropriate content. But sure that's a given.)
- Record an introduction for the show. Something along the lines of.

"Hi! I'm and I'm your DJ for the next half an hour. I'm x years old and I live in *Navan*. I've chosen some of my favourite songs and I'm going to share them with everyone listening. And first up we have.....

We will slot in background music and edit the songs into place, so no need to worry about that aspect.

- Record a short conversation about each song. Remember, your kid is the DJ so they need to begin each sentence in a way that works speaking to the audience. Eg: If you ask them their name it's important they say "My name is Joe" rather than just "Joe".
- If your child not sure what to say you can prompt them.

*Where did you first hear this song?
What do you do when you hear it?
How does the music make you feel?
Why do you think other kids might like this song.*

And ensure with each of them that they introduce the song. Who it's by and what's it's name.

- If they want to tell a short story about their life, tell a joke or talk about where and how they listen to music, that's brilliant too.
- Make sure that you get a recording of the final link with them saying thanks for listening and naming the last song. A big bye! Always nice.
- We want each show to feel unique to the child presenting so if their mad about a pet, a toy, a film or a sibling, all of those can be included. If you have two children who would rather do this as a double act or take turns in their choices, this is also great.

Email the finished recordings to nicky.coghlan@rte.ie or you can use <https://wetransfer.com/> or another file sharing service.

Alongside a list of the songs chosen so as we can source them.

We'll endeavor to edit the programmes in due time but don't worry. We will make sure you know the time and date it's going out so as to make sure everyone you'd like to hear it, will hear it.

It'll also be available in our listen again section on the RTÉjr Radio Page.

<https://www.rte.ie/radio/rtejradio/>

If you have a photograph of our DJ for a day you'd be happy to have used on our social media platforms, that would be great. But it's not essential. We totally understand people's desires to keep their child's image offline.

If you have questions or need clarification, feel free to email me. Again, nicky.coghlan@rte.ie

Happy Recording!