How to create your own personal Coat of Arms inspired by The Chapel Royal, Dublin Castle

A coat of arms contains symbols and figures that represent your family

Think about the characteristics that describe your family

Consider what animals (don’t forget your pets), buildings, treasures are important to you

Do you have a slogan or saying that you like?

This is the coat of arms created for Ireland in 1541 by King Henry VIII of England
How would you describe yourself

- Brave
- Kind
- Strong
- Generous
- Courageous
- Wise
- Cheerful
- Positive thinker
- Friendly
- Loyal
- Great fun
- Artistic
- Eco-friendly
- Energetic
- Fearless
- Wise
- Great fun
The Wodehouse Family motto was 'Strike Strong'.

Zetland valued the lion (the symbol of England) and it took up his whole shield.

Spencer has a lot of symbols in his Coat of Arms. This looks like a phoenix.

The Houghton family look like they loved windmills, they have included six on their Coat of Arms.

*Viceroy were the representatives of the British Crown in Ireland from 1172-1922
These were the materials I used:

- One large piece of paper or card on which to create your Coat of Arms
- Markers, crayons or pencils for colouring in
- Coloured paper
- White paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Sellotape or masking tape
- Ruler

But the most important thing is

Imagination
Here are some basic shapes to start you off

Choose one and draw it large on your largest paper or card.
Here is my work in progress

Decide on your symbols and ideas.

I love books

Lay the pieces on your shield and play around until you are happy with the arrangement

We have 2 cats and they don’t really like each other

Home is very important to me

Trees drawn like this remind me of talking heads

Here is my finished Coat of Arms
Here are some ideas for you to play with
Here are some sketches of Irish monuments

Inspired by Fastnet Lighthouse

Inspired by Gallarus Oratory

Inspired by The Rock of Cashel

Inspired by The Records Tower, Dublin Castle