



Much More than Just After School

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Annual Report

Manor After School & Kids Klubs

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Who are MASKK:

MASKK is a growing charity that provides activities and services for children and families.

In 2017-18 MASKK had 18 members of staff and 9 volunteers. Out of the 27 people working/volunteering at MASKK, 21 live in the S2 area and we aim to increase local employment opportunities.

The Trustees who oversee the governance and quality are a group of 3 people, all of whom work locally and bring different skills and experiences. New people are welcome to join the Trustees at the AGM or throughout the year by contacting MASKK.

MASKK is managed day to day by a Manager, Craig, and each project is then led by a Lead Playworker. The Manager and Lead Playworkers work together to plan and prepare sessions as well as monitoring quality and supporting the staff and volunteers.

We also have a number of parents who attend the Let's Play sessions regularly and help and support our staff and volunteers with tasks such as with tidying, cleaning, preparing snacks etc. We welcome this and hope to encourage more to attend.

Mission Statement:

"To work towards the enhancement of the lives of the local children living in the Manor area aged 5 and over regardless of wealth, religion, gender, race, background or ability."

Aims:

- a) To provide the necessary facilities for the daily care, recreation and education of children during out of school hours and school holidays.
- b) To advance the education and training of the persons in the provision of such care, education and recreational facilities.
- c) To advance education of the public (in particular local families) in the field of parenting and to provide or assist in providing facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the public with the object of improving their conditions of life and with a view to promoting good parenting.

Objectives:

- To be Child centred: All decisions will be made with children in mind and a focus on play and providing enjoyable activities.
- To be Child Led: Children will be empowered to make decisions for themselves when ever possible, including snack options, what resources and games we buy and what new activities we decide to start.
- To Create a Safe and Secure Environment: All staff will be encouraged to attend any relevant safeguarding children and health and safety courses. MASKK will provide activities that help children to develop a sense of risk management as well as teaching them what they can do to protect themselves.
- To Promote Health and Wellbeing: To encourage children and parents to choose a healthy lifestyle by providing healthy snacks and physical activities that demonstrate how exercise can be fun.
- To Include Parents: To encourage them to take part in the running of club by inviting them to join the management committee and advertising volunteering opportunities.
- To be Inclusive: To provide staff with relevant training to accept children with extra requirements to give the child an opportunity to play with other children and provide respite time for the parents. To provide activities that teaches children about diversity and respect for different cultures and beliefs.
- To be an Example to Others: To meet national standards and be the best we can be by working towards best practice guidelines. To be constantly encouraging staff and volunteers to develop through training and experience. To offer support and guidance to other clubs.

- To be Independent: To be a business in its own right, self reliant and constantly growing and developing.
- To be a Community Partner: To work with other organisations in the area to promote community development and improvement. To offer support to schools for example by providing an activity at a school gala.
- To develop new activities that continue to progress our aims.

Introduction and Background to the Projects:

INCLUSIVE PLAYCARE

Manor After School and Kids Klubs opened originally as an After School Club only in September 1999 and since then has continued to grow and develop.

Now MASKK provide after school and holiday childcare that is play based and inclusive for children with a range of special educational needs and disabilities.

MASKK provides after school care until 6:30pm for children from Pipworth Junior School, St Theresa's RC School, Woodthorpe Primary School, and Prince Edwards School. We collect children at the end of the school day and start with a healthy walk to MASKK where we provide snack and a range of activities. During the year we also welcomed children from Mosbrook Special School and Acers Hill.

MASKK opens all school holidays except Christmas and bank holidays, after feedback from parents we now from 8:00am until 6:30pm. We offer a range of activities including making use of local parks and green spaces. During the holidays we welcome a number of children with disabilities through SNIPS referrals and through self-funded places. 20% of our holiday places are taken up by children with SEN or disabilities.

In this year MASKK saw our occupancy and demand grow, providing childcare after school for 82 children, and 86 children during the holidays. We implemented changes to our staffing structure with the aim of creating more places and developing quality further. This new staff structure includes Tracey Smith and Kirsty Ward as Play Leaders, supporting the running of the after school and holiday club.

LETS PLAY

MASKK believe all children should have access to opportunities to play and belong to a group that supports and encourages them.

MASKK provide a variety of activities to enable this, bringing children together with their friends and peers in a safe and nurturing environment. Working across the area in only 3 venues and locations this year we are able to bring activities close to the homes of many children and in the year we engaged with over 350 children. In summer 2017, MASKK to work with Green Estate to create a weekly Family Picnic in Manor Fields park during school holidays. These picnics used food kindly donated by Tesco to engage local families and provide a free lunch and activities, asking only for small donations in return.

However, we faced challenges with no on-going funding received and an increase in anti-social behaviour from older youths and so we sadly had to end activities in Angleton Meeting Rooms in October 2016.

The funding for our Family Café came to an end in October 2016, but this well used session/project thankfully continued due to the commitment of local volunteers who continued to run the club and the free use of William Temple thanks to Manor Church and Community Project. Due to the success of the Family Café in the Manor area MASKK were approached in July 2016 to begin a feasibility study in Lowedges to look at the possibility of duplicating the project in an area with little activities for children and families. The outcome was building a partnership approach with LBJ Forum, St Peter's Church and Food Cycle to create a plan and prepare for launch of a new weekly activity. The People's Health Trust, who funded the creation and running of the Family Café in the Manor for two years, thankfully gave MASKK a grant in February 2017 to fund two years to kick start a new Family Play & Tea in the Lowedges Community Centre.

Part of MASKK's Lets Play vision is to enable and encourage children and families to play even when funding and resources are not available to run specific sessions or groups. With this in mind, MASKK aim to promote local play resources such as parks and green spaces and in doing so identified a gap in the Lower Manor. Vikinglea Field, which MASKK has used, along with the community, had been damaged during the building of

Manor Development Companies Phase There. This damage meant the football nets, benches and tables were removed and the land left with debris and rubble, and so was unsafe. With the decreased activity of children on the field, the local young people and adults then began to ride bikes on the field, knocking down a wall to gain access. The MASKK manager, thanks to a grant from Sheffield City Council, worked with the local Councillors to challenge other council departments to fix the land making it safe and replace the wall with large boulders to reduce access to bikes and provide opportunities for children to play and climb.

SHORT BREAKS

MASKK continue to provide activities and services for children with disabilities through a contract with SNIPS (Special Needs Inclusive Playcare Service) from Sheffield City Council. MASKK provide these Short Breaks on Saturday's term time, during the week in school holidays and some children benefit from attending our After School Club. The MASKK team have experience and training to support a number of children with a variety of support needs and disabilities including providing one to one support where needed.

In 2016-17 MASKK had a rise in demand for additional sessions from parents in receipt of direct payments. Therefore MASKK have begun creating places and opportunities for parents to purchase the additional sessions they require.

We aim to support every child that attends our sessions to play and engage with other children and their community. Our Short Breaks co-ordinators often plan walks to local shops and events, giving the children opportunities to engage in day to day life in their local community.

PARTNERSHIPS & SUPPORTING OTHERS

MASKK understand that the resources and opportunities for smaller charities are reducing; one way of tackling this is by building partnerships and networks. Partnerships and Networks provide opportunities to share ideas, equipment, skills, and sometimes finance. Other benefits of partnerships include sharing challenges and experiences. The MASKK Manager also sits on the board of Trustees of other local charities to share his knowledge and experience.

In 2016-17 MASKK worked with the Scout Association, Manor Assembly and Manor Parish to create a new local opportunity for children to learn and develop through Scouting. In April 2016 186th Sheffield Scout Group opened its doors and through the dedication of volunteers continues to grow and develop.

MASKK are part of a number of partnerships and work together with others including:

- Manor Assembly
- Manor Church and Community Project
- Everyone's Festival
- Sheffield Play Association, including Pitsmoor Adventure Playground and Richmond Park
- Victoria Centre Enterprise
- Manor Community Childcare Centre
- 186th Sheffield Scout Group
- Friends of Manor Fields Park
- Green Estate
- Manor Castle Alliance for People Keeping Well
- Lowedges Food Cycle, including St Peter's Church, Food Cycle UK and St Mary's
- Local Area Partnership (LAP), including local Councillors and officers

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are central to enabling MASKK continue to deliver the variety of services, activities and events. MASKK throughout each year recruit and assist many volunteers, some volunteer for short periods such as six weeks, whilst others remain with MASKK for many years. Each volunteer is offered a variety of training courses, support with confidence building, help applying for work, and become part of the MASKK team.

Volunteering for MASKK can include helping at events and sessions by setting up, cleaning or helping children with a specific activity. Some volunteers also offer their time, once qualified, to help lead and run sessions too.

In 2016-17 three of our volunteers started an NVQ level 3 qualification and all 3 were able to gain employment. In 2017-18 MASKK aim to enhance our volunteering programme by adding further training and development opportunities that parents can engage with too.