



Much More than Just After School

2019 - 2020

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 2019-2020 MASKK had 20 members of staff and 9 volunteers. Out of the 29 people working/volunteering at MASKK, 22 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 4 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, supported by a Duty Manager, Joanna, and each project is then led by a Lead Playworker. The Duty 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 Seven Hills school.

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 remain relatively level, providing childcare after school for 106 children, and 94 children during the holidays. This closed temporarily on 20th March due to Covid-19 and the national lock down.

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 4 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 500 children. In summer 2019, MASKK with the support of the Manor Action Group was able to secure funding for a 5 day per week menu of activities. Each activity and day provided access to a meal, from a make your own pizza on a fire in a field to a full sit-down experience in Temple Park Centre.

This included re launching activities in Lower Manor, using the Vikinglea Field for pop up picnics.

This year we worked closer with the School Nursing Team and Family Centres to create regular opportunities for parents and carers to access advice and guidance. This particularly worked well at Active Kids where the children enjoyed a teeth cleaning presentation from the Oral Health Team too.

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.

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.

In 2019-2020 we were able to support new children to join us as older children moved on. During 2019 MASKK underwent a tender application process to enable us to continue the service for 3 years providing security for the service and the organisation.

EVENTS

The MASKK team enjoy putting on events and creating opportunities to bring people together. In 2019-2020 we supported the Everyone's Festival Summer event, although very wet we enjoyed seeing members of the community come together. MASKK team members also supported the planning and running of the 9th Community Bonfire, over 8,000 attended and had a great night.

Joanna has a love of performing and she used this to inspire the children to put on their very own Lip Sync Battles. Children performed hits in costumes, with parents attending and winners chosen, they were great events.

Joanna's work with performing also led to MASKK making links with Sheffield Theatres who gave 26 of our children a guided backstage experience during October half term. Followed by free tickets to watch the Christmas Pantomime. The children really enjoyed the opportunities to be creative and in 2020-2021 we aim to build on this and seek to embed arts more in our work.

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.

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

- Manor Assembly
- Manor Church and Community Project
- Manor and Castle Development Trust
- Manor Action Group
- Everyone's Festival
- 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 Cook House previously 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 2019 MASKK supported the delivery of 2 Intro To Playworker courses, led by Craig. From these MASKK recruited 2 more volunteers, 1 of which became a casual employee support MASKK with school pick ups and in holidays.