

**MASKS (Make A Special Kid Smile)** was founded in May 2005 and is fully committed to supporting pupils of Booker Park and Stocklake Park schools.

MASKS supports the emotional and physical well-being of the individual child and their families/carers, by using funds raised to provide opportunities otherwise unavailable to them, helping them to realise their potential by giving them social experiences which will build their confidence, support their educational advancement, Triathlon. and encourage as much future independence as possible.

We would love to have more parents on the board of trustees for MASKS, if you can spare a few hours per term, we would love to hear from you. Please contact masks@thevalefederation.com

Recent fundraising events include the Winter Fayre, Christmas raffle, Masks4Masks, Mini Marathon and

Local groups have run events and shared their donations with MASKS. We also have a Just Giving page and receive donations via Easy Fundraising when you shop online, every donation makes a difference to us so please sign up.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=27V0HM%26referral-campaign%3Dc2s%26utm_campaign%3Dadmin-trigger%26utm_content%3Dsrt&char=41366>

Previously we have supported the building of outdoor play areas, funded annual pantomimes, wellbeing activities and drama groups in school, Leavers Ball, end of primary leavers trips. Last year we also supported the SaLT project – The Big Bike Ride and new equipment and resources will soon be used in both schools. One of the teachers organised a mini marathon to support the SaLT project. This year both schools will be taking part in the mini marathon to support OT packs in every class across the federation. The Winter Fayre is one of our biggest parent and staff events which our children enjoy, particularly their visit to Santa. Last year the Fayre and raffle we raised £4582. We want to challenge ourselves further this year!

We are looking for more volunteers and would love to hear from you if you can help in any way.

In 2025 we are supporting fundraising for:

* OT class room packs
* Leavers Events & trips
* Drive Deck for students who use wheelchairs in conjunction with Denyse and Ellie who are running the Brighton marathon
* Children’s wellbeing
* and much more …
* The development of new sensory rooms continues as our long-term project. £12,000 donated by one family!

To learn more about MASKS visit our website at: **www.thevalefederation.com**

To support us take a look at our Just Giving Page at: **www.justgiving.com/MASKS**



**Parents how can you help?**

**How can I make my special kid smile …?**

We always need help and are grateful however big or small. Here are some of the ways you could help MASKS:

Helping with preparation for the organised events like the Winter Fayre - folding up raffle tickets, sorting out books and donations for an event whilst your child is at school. You could volunteer to man a stall too or make cakes to sell at the ever-popular cake stalls or café

You can organise your own event for MASKS such as a sponsored event. We have had many friends of MASKS challenge themselves in sponsored events to support the charity.

Getting involved with the MASKS is a great way to meet other parents and form new friendships. Holding regular coffee and cake mornings are a way of sharing information and offering each other support, whilst planning the next fundraising goal. We would like to hold more get togethers and in order to do that we need to know from you when is a good time or whether you would like something different to this.

Please don’t be shy or nervous as we are here to help you, help our children.

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**F.A.O. MASKS Trustees**

* **I would like to find out how I can get involved with MASKS volunteering at events/helping in practical ways**
* **I would like to find out how I can get involved with MASKS Board of Trustees**
* **I would be interested in coming to coffee mornings. A good day for me would be: …………………………………**
* **I would not be interested in coffee mornings but would like ………………………………………………………………**
* **I would like someone to contact me to find out more about how I can help and share my ideas. Please state preferred mode of communication and best times to contact you.**

**Name………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Email………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Telephone number……………………………………………………………..**