



The Edventure Project CiC Information and Guidance Booklet

Mission Statement and Vision

What we would love to achieve; how and why.

The Edventure Project CiC was created to fill the gap in South Gloucestershire's Home Education community by providing a nurturing, democratic and inclusive community club where children feel inspired to play, learn and grow. Our unique youth project offers various activities that are specifically designed to encourage each child and young person's growth. We will strive to give some balance and opportunities for education and adventure without huge expense.

We aspire to facilitate passion based creative learning, life skills development, and cater for each individual's learning style and requirements. We will be looking in this first year 2022-23 to establish a culture of openness and self-discovery, recognising that any community needs room to organically adapt and grow.

The Edventure Project will immediately start operating as a self-contained democracy, and, as far as possible within the law of the land, the children and staff will each have an equal say in all matters pertaining to the rules and operations of the project, and will have an equal vote on all decisions. This will happen at weekly "circle" meetings which every member of The Edventure Project community is invited to attend. Through these constant processes the seeds for the children's capacity and relish for responsible, informed decision-making and problem-solving will be sewn.

Regular activities will be led by our inspirational Mentors (facilitators), with some visiting professionals, teachers, and older children also offering masterclasses. Each member of the team will have a broad cultural and intellectual awareness, whilst also possessing a specialist subject, and they will be agile and adaptable to the requirements of each young person. They will understand that new skills and activities exist to be learnt, not to be taught. Mentors will be engaging, kind, fun and passionate, whilst being ambitious for each child. Crucially each responsible adult involved in the project must enjoy spending time with children and young people. Each attendee will have a journal that they work in between themselves and their Lead Mentor. There will be an open invite to use their journals for writing in, drawing in and tracking their interests, aspirations and progress. In this way the young person owns and is accountable for their own time at the project and can see and reflect on the opportunities that they have experienced. This is not to devolve responsibility away from the mentors, but rather to teach the young people self-motivation and responsibility, and to allow the team to run their activities in the most open and imaginative ways.

The Day

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE: Our weekly/daily timetable will look something like the below however, the children themselves will help structure and create during our weekly meetings of the contents, flow and projects:

Time/Day of the week	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
9.30am-10.30am	Breakfast Club – toast, chat and mindfulness/Yoga	Breakfast Club – toast, chat and mindfulness/Yoga	Breakfast Club – toast, chat and mindfulness/Yoga
10.30am-12.00pm	Science and Maths based Life Skills through experiences: Foraging, tree recognition, bug hunts, pond dipping, planting, den building.	Morning Session with focus on literacy – poetry, music and song writing, story telling, play writing, comics...	Morning Session with focus on Life Skills and Developing for the future. Gardening, Bushcraft, Arts and Crafts, Money and Commerce, Cooking and First Aid.
12pm-1pm (ish) – we will go with the children's flow.	Packed lunched from home or a shared lunch like soup, jacket potatoes or similar.	Communal Lunch based on food from the country/Area/Picnic.	Packed lunched from home or a shared lunch like soup, jacket potatoes or similar.
1pm-2pm	Afternoon Project time – project's decided by the children and young people.	Afternoon Session with focus on the world - looking at Languages, Arts, History, Geography etc.	Afternoon Project time – project's decided by the children and young people.
2-2.30pm	Active session looking at raising vibrations: Sports, Forest/Bushcraft Skills, Team games, Arts and crafts.	Active session looking at raising vibrations: Sports, Forest/Bushcraft Skills, Team games, Arts and crafts.	Active session looking at raising vibrations: Sports, Forest/Bushcraft Skills, Team games, Arts and crafts.

Our weekly circle meetings will be held during the daytime at cross over on a Monday ideally, to look at the week ahead, but the attendees can call at any time, emergency group meetings if required. As a democracy, we hope the group will create their own rules and boundaries including a "behaviour policy" or agreement, look at fundraising, take part in the wider community.

(PLEASE NOTE – THE MEETINGS WILL BE ON A MONDAY WHILE WE ARE TWO DAYS PER WEEK INTIALLY)

Arrivals and Departures at Mafeking Hall (N/A at this time – October 2022)

Due to the location of the private lane off Serridge Lane and the limited parking and turning space, we would appreciate parents to drop off at the end of the lane coming from Henfield Road, along and then towards the Kendleshire. The Staff and Children will then walk to the project site. We will have staff at the front and back of the group plus older children buddying up with the young children. This means there will be a flow and no traffic jams. Should parents/carers require a more detailed conversation with our team regarding their children, of course we can arrange this on the site and parking will be allowed.

At other venues, such as local village halls, parents/carers will bring the attendees into the hall ready to start their day at the project.

Example:

Arrival:

- Parents/Carers must notify Kimberley or Kara on the morning of the booked session should there be non attendance. The session will still need to be paid for (as in advance anyhow) but for health and safety to know numbers for the day.
- Parents/Carers to drop off children at the lane junctions for 9.20am / 12.05pm depending on session.
- Parents/Carers to drive from the Henfield end of Serridge Lane towards the Kendleshire direction.
- The Edventure Project staff will record attendance of the children daily.
- The main gate to Mafeking Hall will be shut and locked from 9.35am/12.20pm once everyone is onsite.
- Mobile numbers of staff will be on the gate for access if needed.

Departure:

- Everyone will be down at the end of the lane, depending on session, at 12.30pm or 2.30pm ready for collection.
- As per our registration form, members of family must be known to us or password given to staff should alternative arrangements and person's have been made.
- If we are in any doubt, the main contact of the child will be called to check.
- Should a parent/carer be running late for collection, they will notify The Edventure Project Staff. There will be a charge of £5 per 10 mins for this additional care.

Fees:

Morning Mindful Session – 9.30am-12.15pm (2.75hrs) £18

Action Afternoon Session – 11.45am-2.30pm (2.75hrs) £18

*includes Community Meeting Time 11.45-12.15

ALL DAY 9.30am-2.30pm - £29 for 5 hours (discount of £7 included)

Do note the commitment is for a term at a time, terms agreed with family input, with notice needed of a month (invoicing period). Should you be away/or the young person is ill, the costs will still need to be covered to hold/reserve the space for the young one. We are happy to support with a payment plan or subsidised fee due to low income or circumstances however, as a not for profit organisation, we need to protect ourselves with outgoings/costs etc.

ASDAN course are additional starting from £9.95 per course.

10% Discount for Siblings (optional if families would like this).

We have a special pot of money to assist with subsidised fees.

Clothing

Your child should wear comfortable, outside friendly clothing and come with coats, shoes/wellies and a packed lunch. We aim to be outside for much of the day come rain or shine and go by the saying "there's no bad weather, only the wrong clothing".

Sun care should be provided including hats etc and shade will be recommended. We understand some families are against the use of suncreams so do recommend light longsleeved and long legged clothing.

A spare set of clothes is also a recommendation.

Toys and items from home can be brought in but on the proviso that the group can share and take an interest. We cannot be held liable for damage or loss.

Water bottles should also be brought and snacks too. We currently have no nut allergies on site but this is subject to change.

We are happy for young people to bring lunch boxes rather than join the group meal through invite them to join us at the table.

Journals and Individual Aspiration Plans:

When your child(ren) starts at our project, we would love to be part of their home education journey and would like to see their perspective of their journeys and plot a pathway with them, you and our team.

We will do this through Journals and/or Individual Aspiration Plan which looks at:

- How the child learns e.g. visual, kinesthetic
- What are the child's interests
- How the project can support the families home education
- Their voice on aspirations, goals and achievements
- Their voice on struggles and challenges
- Outcomes we can work towards and the pathways to achieve them.

Other notes and comments:

We are inspired by our young people and learn just as much from them, as they do from us. We like to offer a variety of activities and clubs and with all, have their safety and best interests in mind. We role model values including respect, responsibility, trust, resilience and friendship and hope through this, our young people express the same.

Examples of clubs we have run:

- Running Club – an hour a week working towards completing a 2k park run.
- Circus Skills Club- a project over the term and ending with a big show for parents.
- Cooking Club – daily with young people taking it in turns to budget, shop and cook meals for the tribe.
- Craft Club – working together to create a Winter Craft Fayre to fundraise.