The rationale underpinning our pre-formal curriculum:

The Rochford Review and consideration of the research of effective pedagogy for pupils with SEND including Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities.

The pre-formal EQUALS curriculum pathway reflects the diverse range of needs that many of our learners encounter, and enables teaching staff to develop specific teaching strategies and learning environments to meet those needs.

Students working within the pre-formal curriculum are provided with every opportunity to develop their Functional Communication skills and to have their needs met. In the Pre-formal setting, learners will communicate in different ways, including through body response, eye gaze, vocalisations, gesture, objects of reference or visual symbol.

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Assessment	Learning Outcomes linked directly to EHCP targets using the Dorin Park pre-formal assessment frameworks and engagement model  Evidence for Learning for capturing and recording progress made against EHCP Learning Outcomes and progress against the engagement model.			
Key	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	
Themes	Into the darkness	My community	At the Movies	
My Communication (Narrative) (Communication & Social Relationships)	Delivered through: Whole body communication (such as TACPAC and body awareness), Songs for Interaction, Sensory stories, Attention Autism (bucket therapy). The classroom environment is themed around our topic or an event (such as Christmas) and communication runs throughout the curriculum.  Responding, interacting, choice making with familiar showing they can work co-actively with familiar people. Show anticipation or rejection of familiar social activities and events. Show preference for particular people, objects and activities Respond with interest in the actions of others close by or Engage actively in familiar social activities and events. To make simple meaningful gestures, use their voices or attempt simple words and phrases in imitation  Sensory awareness: reacts, responds and makes differentiated response to and attends to different senses and stimuli.  Language comprehension: Responds to a familiar voice, is aware and tolerant of others talking directly to them, responds briefly if their name is called or a familiar adult says hello. Makes distinct responses to name being called (e.g. turns head to speaker, smiles), turns towards and attends to adult talking, follows adult's pointing, gaze or action when drawing attention to something. Looks at person/object being pointed out. Begins to respond appropriately to different tones of voice. Demonstrates understanding of words used to label routine events. Turns to other pupils in group when their names are called. Responds to simple instructions accompanied by gesture/ symbol at a one word level in familiar situations, e.g. give me the cup. Shows awareness of repetitive words, sounds and phrases from a familiar book, e.g. vocalising during 'then I'll huff and I'll puff'  Anticipation: Shows brief anticipatory behaviour in response to a familiar stimulus/ routine (e.g. salivating on approach of food, eye widening to familiar cue music)			

	Vocalisation: Begins to experiment with a range of vocal sounds, anticipates and sometimes vocalises their turn during a greeting				
	session, Sometimes attempts to imitate, e.g. sshh, mmmm sounds, repeats own vocalisation, plays with sounds. Uses vocalisation				
	intentionally in order to get a response, e.g. to prompt an adult to repeat a favourite song.  Further development on story sharing				
My Communication –	Autumn Term Spring term Summer Term				
Semi Formal learners	Developing communication skills through:	Developing communication skills through:	Developing communication skills through:		
Sellii Formai learners	Weekly communication book and chat mat	Weekly communication book and chat	Weekly communication book and chat mat		
	sessions	mat sessions	sessions		
	Weekly colourful semantics sessions, working	Weekly colourful semantics sessions,	Weekly colourful semantics sessions,		
	toward sentence building.	working toward sentence building.	working toward sentence building.		
	Shared sensory stories: The Gruffalo's Child,	Shared sensory stories: At the Dentist, at	Shared sensory stories:		
	Into The Dark (Narrative).	the hairdresser, the supermarket (Non-	social stories		
	Attention Autism stages 1-3	Fiction) social stories	Attention Autism stages 1-3		
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	Communication skills are promoted		Communication skills are promoted		
	throughout the school day and we use a full	Communication skills are promoted	throughout the school day and we use a		
	communication approach.	throughout the school day and we use a	full communication approach.		
		full communication approach.			
My Independence	My Cooking / Food Technology				
(Self-Determination &		ole of ingredients used, smelling, touching tas	= : = =		
Independence)	ingredients are mixed. 2. Using tools: cutting & peeling skills with support and as independently as possible. 3. Cause & Effect I Exploration Using blenders, mixers with switches.				
	<b>My Self-Help</b> Enjoy eating a range of foods in social situations. Show an awareness of being dressed and undressed. Relax limbs to be				
	dressed/undressed.				
	My Travel Training				
	Show awareness, curiosity and develop the skills of discovery when going to different areas within the community.				
My Independence	My Cooking	My Cooking	My Cooking		
Semi-Formal	Developing basic cookery skills	Developing basic cookery skills	Developing basic cookery skills		
	Collecting resources for lessons	Collecting resources for lessons	Collecting resources for lessons		
	Cleaning away at the end of sessions	Cleaning away at the end of sessions	Cleaning away at the end of sessions		
	My Shopping	My Shopping	My Shopping		
	Listening to instructions	Listening to instructions	Listening to instructions		
	Being safe in the shop	Being safe in the shop	Being safe in the shop		
	Personal skills:	Using a visual list	Using a visual list		
	Dressing skills	Personal skills:	Using a checkout		

	My Travel Training	Personal hygiene- toothbrushing, hair	Personal skills:
	To move around the school safely	brushing	Personal hygiene- toothbrushing, hair
	Travelling on the mini-bus.	My Travel Training	brushing, washing
		To move around the school safely	My Travel Training
		Travelling on the mini-bus.	To move around the school safely
			Travelling on the mini-bus.
			Moving safely in he local area
My Creativity (Creative)	Sensory exploration, messy marks and sensory music  Sensory exploration, messy marks and sensory music  Drama and dance sensory experience linked to 'my community'  Messy marks: exploring textures and mediums  Using senses to respond to stimuli  Mark marking  Making art for themselves  Music through communication such as, Call and Response and Sensory Stories  Exploring instruments / Sing and Sign	Sensory exploration, messy marks and sensory music  Sensory exploration, messy marks and sensory music  Drama and dance sensory experience linked to 'my weekend'  Messy marks: exploring textures and mediums, including 3D modelling (if appropriate)  Using senses to respond to stimuli Mark marking  Making art for themselves  Music through communication such as, Call and Response and Sensory Stories  Exploring instruments / Sing and Sign	Sensory exploration, messy marks and sensory music  Sensory exploration, messy marks and sensory music  Drama and dance sensory experience linked to 'enterprise'  Messy marks: exploring textures and mediums  Using senses to respond to stimuli Mark marking  Making art for themselves  Music through communication such as, Call and Response and Sensory Stories  Exploring instruments
	Nativity	Easter	
Cognition	Cognition skills – responding to stimulus, o	cause and effect and sequencing. (Auditory,	visual, tactile stimulation programmes).
(Cognition & Challenge)	Cognition and challenge is delivered through: ICT, Cause 4 Effect, resonance boards, sensory and dark room exploration and sensory play. The classroom environment is themed around our topic or an event (such as Christmas) and communication runs throughout the curriculum.		

Cognition	Numbers:	<u>Numbers:</u>	<u>Numbers:</u>
Semi-Formal	Counting; Ordering numbers; One more and	Counting; Ordering numbers; One more	Counting; Comparing numbers; Reading
	one less	and one less.	numbers in the environment.
	Measures:	Statistics:	<u>Time:</u>
	Understanding language of length; Ordering	Sorting and matching objects; Collecting	Ordering and sequencing events; O'clock,
	and comparing lengths and heights of real-	and organising data.	half past, quarter past.
	life objects.	Measures:	Weight and Capacity:
	<u>Time:</u>	Understanding language of length;	Measure / compare weights / capacities of
	Days and months; Sequencing events; O'clock	Ordering and comparing lengths and	ingredients; Accurate use of measuring
	and half past.	heights of real life objects.	devices
	2D Shape:	Money:	
	Recognition; Properties; Shapes in the	Coins and note recognition.	
	environment.		Thinking and problem-solving activities are
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	as collecting resources for tasks.		
My Outdoor School	Focus: Orienteering	Focus: creativity	Focus: wilderness explorers
	To <b>participate</b> in aided exploration of the	To <b>participate</b> in aided exploration of the	To <b>participate</b> in aided exploration of the
	environment.	environment. To deliberately move	environment
	To deliberately move towards a specific	towards a range of familiar outdoor	To deliberately show behaviour that can be
	outdoor stimulus.	stimulus.	interpreted as rejection to a range of
			familiar outdoor stimulus.
My Physical Wellbeing	Focus: Sensory awareness and gross motor	Focus: Exploring body movement using	Focus: Outdoor Adventures and MAPT
(Physical; Wellbeing;	skills.	large apparatus.	challenge day
Sensory)	MAPT:	MAPT:	MAPT:
	<ol> <li>Dexterity- batting games- emerging.</li> </ol>	1.Dexterity- batting games- developing	1.Dexterity- batting games- Secure
	2. Striking- pushing ball or item of surface to	2. Striking- pushing ball or item of surface	2. Striking- pushing ball or item of surface
	land above- emerging.	to land above- developing.	to land above- secure.
	3. Kicking- to use tactile activities to promote	3. Kicking- to use tactile activities to	3. Kicking- to use tactile activities to
	proprioceptive awareness for the feet-	promote proprioceptive awareness for the	promote proprioceptive awareness for the
	Emerging.  4. Mobility- to bottom shuttle with some	feet- developing  4. Mobility- to bottom shuttle with limited	feet- secure. 4. Mobility- pre- skills to crawling and hand
	support.	support.	over hand patterning- pushing up into 4
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MOVE targets- Pivoting whilst standing section f 1-3

## Rebound

Grade 1 section c-Enjoys being bounced in hands and knees position

Aquatics: Water safety-Halliwick- section 5 longitudinal rotation control point 1. Move targets- walking forward, section G 1-3.

## Rebound

Grade 1 section c-Initiates bouncing in hands and knees position- with support.

Aquatics: floating fun.
Halliwick- section 5 longitudinal rotation control point 2-3.

point kneeing, reaching forward and rocking in position.

Move targets- walking forward, section G 4-6.

## Rebound

Grade 1 section c-Initiates bouncing in hands and knees position- independently.

Aquatics: Water fun and games.
Halliwick- section 5 longitudinal rotation
control point 4-5.