The rationale underpinning our Informal curriculum:

The Rochford Review and consideration of the research of effective pedagogy for pupils with SEND

The Informal EQUALS curriculum pathway reflects the diverse range of needs that many of our learner's encounter, and enables teaching staff to develop specific teaching strategies and learning environments to meet those needs

	Students working within the li	nformal curriculum are pr	ovided with every opportunit	y to develop their Func	tional Communication skil	lls.			
Assessment	Learning Outcomes linked directly to EHCP targets using the Dorin Park informal assessment frameworks. If required, some pupils will also be assessed against the engagement model and pre-key stage standards. Evidence for Learning for capturing and recording progress made against EHCP Learning Outcomes								
Key	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term				
Themes	Space	Magic	Transport	Circus	Mini beasts	Out of Africa			
My Communication	The 3Ms (Motivation, Means and Mate) is the fundamental basic for communication: 1. A motivation (a reason) for communicating; 2. A means (a method) of communicating; 3. Someone (a partner or partners) to communicate to. These key elements are driven through the following focused activities:								
	Imperative Communication such as 'I want' communications and expressing wants and needs Declarative Communications such as greeting familiar peers and staff Formal Social Interactions Peer to Peer Communications Activities to support learners' expressive communication Communication games and activities AAC Attention Autism Sessions Sensory Stories								
	Communication at this stage is process-based rather than skill-based; that is, learners will learn the process of communication by communicating. We complete this using visuals and symbols, signs and intensive interaction. The classroom environment is themed around our topic or an event and communication is embedded throughout the curriculum.								
	Pupils will also engage in a daily session of functional literacy skills and phonic related activities individually appropriate for each learner.								
My Play and Leisure	To build up tolerance levels, confidence and acceptance to different stimuli when presented in play activities.								
Leisure	To build up on the 5 levels of play and build on social interaction and flexibility of thought:								
	Sensorimotor Play, Relational Play, Functional Play, Symbolic Play, Socio-dramatic Play								
	To build up on the 5 social dimensions of play: Solitary, Parallel, Shared, Turn-taking, Co-operative.								

Play opportunities include sand and water play, heuristic play, explorative food play, kinaesthetic play, conventional toy-based and sensory play activities.

	Pupils will be encouraged to develop their social skills and encouraged to socialise with peers and staff around school, for example, attending weekly wake and shakes, celebration assemblies, eating in the dinner hall and socialising with other learners on the informal curriculum during some leisure time, where appropriate				
	to the learner.				
My Independence	My Cooking / Food Technology				
	Health and Safety in the kitchen				
	To become secure in spreading, chopping and cutting skills				
	Making basic foods and drinks linked to topic and festivals.				
	Healthy living and healthy eating To take responsibility for getting the necessary equipment from their usual places and putting them back again when finished.				
	To wash, dry and put away utensils.				
	To wash and dry hands before cooking.				
	To follow and use a recipe if appropriate to the individual learner.				
	To make a squash drink				
	To prepare a bowl of breakfast cereal				
	Begin to use some small appliances safely such as toaster or microwave.				
	My Shopping				
	Role play and modelling of how to make a list, use a list and how to exchange money				
	To understand that a £1 coin is a means of exchange.				
	To recognise that one £1 coin will buy one snack item				
	To recognise that two £1 coins will buy us two snack items				
	To understand that use of a debit card is a means of exchange				
	Planned visits to a Supermarket				
	To shop using a shopping list				
	To locate items in a supermarket				
	To follow a sequence and understand the correct sequence when shopping				
	To travel safely outside of school				
	To buy items needed for cookery				
	To use a Café or restaurant				
	My Dressing & Undressing				
	Develop an understanding of washing and getting dressed				
	Be safe and private when getting dressed around others				
	To identify and utilise appropriate clothing and accessories with regards to; weather, occasion etc				
	Development of the fine and gross motor control needed				
	My Travel Training				
	To walk as independently as possible in school- delivering messages around the school.				
	To be aware of landmarks around the school				
	To walk as independently as possible outside of school- walk to the local park.				

		To cross a minor road with support				
		To travel safely on the bus				
My Art		Sculpture- Form shape and pattern	Textiles- Patters and Textures that are all around	Drawing-Line and Space		
		Junk Modelling	<mark>us.</mark>	Encountering mark making and the use of		
			To experience using differing materials	hands and feet to create line and space.		
		Explore the process of papier mache				
			To explore and tolerate different textures	Exploring fine motor movement and mark		
		Making and exploring salt dough		making		
			To encounter the process of collage to create			
		Encountering and shaping clay	tactile tiles/panels.	Encountering and exploring line and space		
			Exploring the patterns and textures that are all around us.	Encountering drawing faces		
				Exploring how parts of the face look separately and together.		
		Creating pieces of Art linked to our half termly topics	Creating pieces of Art linked to our half termly	Creating pieces of Art linked to our half termly		
		and events and celebrations such as Halloween, Bonfire	topics and events and celebrations such as	topics and events and celebrations such as		
		Night and Christmas etc.	Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Easter etc.	Summer,		
My Drama	₹	Drama and dance sensory experiences and play	Drama and dance sensory experiences and play	Drama and dance sensory experiences and play		
My Dance	My Creativity	opportunities.	opportunities.	opportunities.		
	Ş	Intensive Interaction, sensory stories, Drama games,	Intensive Interaction, sensory stories, Drama	Intensive Interaction, sensory stories, Drama		
	ξ	Interactive games e.g.; Peek-a-boo, I Can See You,	games, Interactive games e.g.; Peek-a-boo, I Can	games, Interactive games e.g.; Peek-a-boo, I Can		
		Changing Faces, Blowing Faces, Rocking Rhymes,	See You, Changing Faces, Blowing Faces, Rocking	See You, Changing Faces, Blowing Faces, Rocking		
	Movement Games, Interactive songs, Parachute		Rhymes, Movement Games, Interactive songs,	Rhymes, Movement Games, Interactive songs,		
141		Messy play, songs for interaction, copying actions,	Parachute Games, Messy play, songs for	Parachute Games, Messy play, songs for		
	massage and tactile play and se		interaction, copying actions, massage and tactile	interaction, copying actions, massage and tactile		
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		Wake and shake- waking up the body by copying	. , ,	, , , , ,		
		actions to the songs and cooling down our bodies after	Wake and shake- waking up the body by copying	Wake and shake- waking up the body by copying		
		dancing.	actions to the songs and cooling down our bodies	actions to the songs and cooling down our bodies		
			after dancing.	after dancing.		
		Regular brain and movement breaks- dances such as				
		freeze dance and action songs to support pupil	Regular brain and movement breaks- dances such	Regular brain and movement breaks- dances such		
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My Music		Focus- Exploring	Focus- Collaborative Learning	Focus- Listening and Performing		
		Exploring different instruments, music, rhythms,	Repeating rhythms, call and response, establishing	Being exposed to music and different genres of		
		tempos, resonance boards, songs.	simple rhythms, songs with repeated refrain,	music, using music to relax and regulate, using		
			conducting a group of peers and giving instructions	music for guided meditation and yoga. Building		

	July 2023 20 (Fear)		and responding to instructions, singing and shared enjoyment of music.		confidence in music, build up to perform at a school production.	
	All music sessions will give learners the opportunity too; • Listen and attend to music • Explore emotional experiences • Engage with the world around us • Use music to self-regulate • Extending fine and gross motor skills • Exploring social engagement through a sense of togetherness and belonging • Develop social interaction and connection skills • Share joint experiences with others • Make independent decisions • Taking control of one's own learning		All music sessions will give learners the opportunity too; • Listen and attend to music • Explore emotional experiences • Engage with the world around us • Use music to self-regulate • Extending fine and gross motor skills • Exploring social engagement through a sense of togetherness and belonging • Develop social interaction and connection skills • Share joint experiences with others • Make independent decisions		All music sessions will give learners the opportunity too; • Listen and attend to music • Explore emotional experiences • Engage with the world around us • Use music to self-regulate • Extending fine and gross motor skills • Exploring social engagement through a sense of togetherness and belonging • Develop social interaction and connection skills • Share joint experiences with others • Make independent decisions	
My Outdoor Learning			_	of one's own learning gnitive development Focus: using tools and problem solving.	•	of one's own learning gnitive development Focus: wilderness explorers
Learning	Awarenss Plant spring bulbs and watch them grow.	Devise a simple map and use basic symbols in a key.	be sale aloullu, a life.	Continuation of the use of basic tools, peelers, hammer	forest school area in summer.	Erect a lean to shelter, with support. Stories in den linked to summer.
	To prepare for the outdoor school To be open to advice on the selection of suitable clothing and footwear	To prepare for the outdoor school To be open to advice on the selection of suitable clothing and footwear	To approach an open fire and be comfortable with the experience. To be aware of the dangers of an open fire and treat it with respect.	To approach an open fire and be comfortable with the experience. To be aware of the dangers of an open fire and treat it with respect.	To explore the outdoor school environment using all my senses	To explore the outdoor school environment using all my senses

My Physical Wellbeing

Focus: to move through different environments, moving their body from one place to another. **Fundamentals of movement:**

Locomotor skills- Jump safely (knees bent). Perform star jump, pencil jump, bunny hop.

Sensory circuits to develop vestibular and proprioceptive stimulation with some support. To develop motor sensory processing, balance and timing with some support. To organise their body, plan their approach and do more than one thing at a time in a sequential order with some support. To develop proprioceptive or deep pressure stimulation to remain calm with some support.

Rebound: grade 2 section a- emerging. bikes: To further develop steer and turn while gliding using a 2- wheel bike.

To further develop riding a bike with pedals using a 2wheel bike.

Aquatics: Water confidence. Submerge myself using support from the bar and touch the pool floor- emerging.

Focus: Exploring different body movements using hand held and large apparatus. Striking aims including throwing, catching and ball/bat activities. Aim skills and hand and eye coordination.

Fundamentals of movement:

Manipulative skills- Some accuracy in strength and direction of throw Throw in changing environments, like throwing to a moving target.

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gliding using a 2- wheel bike.

To further develop riding a bike with pedals using a 2- wheel bike.

Aquatics: Floating fun.

Submerge myself using support from the bar and touch the pool floor- developing.

Focus: Exploring body movements using large apparatus, jumping, rolling, balancing in different ways. Exploring balancing on and off the apparatus. Balance on and off apparatus.

Fundamentals of movement:

Stability skills-

Confidence and control in landing comfortably and safely in even in changing or unpredictable situations. Can hold balance on landing.

Sensory circuits to develop vestibular and proprioceptive stimulation with some support. To develop motor sensory processing, balance and timing with some support. To organise their body, plan their approach and do more than one thing at a time in a sequential order with some support. To develop proprioceptive or deep pressure

Rebound: grade 2 section a- secure. bikes: To further develop steer and turn while gliding using a 2- wheel bike.

stimulation to remain calm with some support.

To further develop riding a bike with pedals using a 2- wheel bike.

Aquatics: Water fun and games. Submerge myself using support from the bar and touch the pool floor- secure.