The rationale underpinning our semi-formal curriculum:

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

The semi-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 semi-formal curriculum are provided with every opportunity to develop their Functional Literacy and Functional Numeracy skills, with the higher ability pupils having subject-specific lessons in EQUALS Maths, English, Science, IT that are adapted from the National Curriculum

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Assessment:	Achieving Learning Outcomes linked directly to EHCP targets						
	Evidence for Learning (EFL) for capturing and recording progress made against EHCP Learning Outcomes						
Semi Formal							
Curriculum	Autum	n Term	Spring Term		Summer Term		
EQUALS	_						
My Communication	Communicating effectively with others; Sharing Weekend News; Engaging in Discussion; Non-Verbal Communications					itions	
Narrative	Storytelling – sequencing,	character development,	Storytelling – sequ	uencing, character	Storytelling – sequencing,	character development,	
	use of language, discussion, retelling stories		development, use of language, discussion, retelling stories		use of language, discussion, retelling stories		
	Hamilton's Ha	Hamilton's Hats – Fictional				The Last Garden – Fictional	
	Life scenarios – non-fictional		The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind – True		Life scenarios – on-fictional		
			story				
			Life scenarios	non-fictional			
Call & Response			Familiar rhyme:	s, song, poems.			
	Ownership of content and rhythm						
			Dynamic er				
Personalised Reading &		Mark Ma	king, Vocabulary Expansi	on, Sentence Formation,	Spelling.		
Writing		Identifying signs and	symbols, Recognising and	d responding to key signs	, symbols and words.		
			Reading and Co	omprehension.			
The World Around Me	Autumn	Festivals:	Recycling/ Materials	Extreme Weather	Animals and Habitats	Digital photography	
	Life in the 1920's	Remembrance Day –	Investigating	Study of volcanoes,	Look at the different	Recording the term	
	Look at lifestyle, events,	Respect and Thanks and	materials, Making	tsunamis, hurricanes,	needs of animals. Which	from 'my point of view'	
	food, fashion and	modern-day conflicts.	something new from	electrical storms,	animals live in which	to create a journal of	
	compare to the life of the	Christian celebration of	something old.	monsoons etc. Cause	habitats, look at food	events and things that	
	pupils today.	Christmas around the	Sorting and grouping	and effect.	chains and how animals	are important to them.	
	What are the similarities	world.	materials.		are suited to their	Edit and manipulate	
	and differences?		Understanding why	Annually:	habitats	photographs.	
		Annually:	we recycle.				

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	Annually:	Diwali (8 th Nov),		Eid, Mother's Day:	Desert, Artic/ Antarctic,	Annually:	
		Remembrance Day	Annually:	Positive Female Role	oceans, ponds etc.	Summer solstice	
	Halloween Harvest	Hannukah,	New Year, Chinese	models			
	Festival,	The Christmas Story	New Year, Valentine's		Annually:	Weather:	
			Day, Ramadan	Weather:	May Day,	Reflection on weather	
	Weather:	Weather		Reflection on	Father's Day: Positive	as part of the daily	
	Reflection on weather as	Reflection on weather	Weather:	weather as part of	male role models	routine.	
	part of the daily routine.	as part of the daily	Reflection on weather	the daily routine.			
		routine.	as part of the daily		Weather:	ICT:	
	ICT:		routine.	ICT:	Reflection on weather as	Using laptops and iPads	
	Using laptops and iPads	ICT:		Using laptops and	part of the daily routine	for research and PfA	
	for research and PfA	Using laptops and iPads	ICT:	iPads for research			
		for research and PfA	Using laptops and	and PfA	ICT:		
			iPads for research and		Using laptops and iPads		
			PfA		for research and PfA		
My Independence	KS4 ASDAN Pe	ersonal Progress units: PDS	E1 Preparing drinks and	nacks; ILPC E1 Developir	ng independent living skills: p	ersonal care	
	KS	5 OCR Life & Living Skills u	units: D06 E1 Preparing Drinks and Snacks; M09 E1 Personal Skills: Healthy Living				
	My Cooking	& food tech	My Cooking &food tech		My Cooking & food tech		
	Health and Safety in the kitchen Kitchen cleaning products Recognising basic cookery skills using equipment		Prepare basic f	ood and drinks	Healthy living and healthy eating		
			Organise themselves for cookery		Eatwell	plate	
			Weighing an	d measuring	Problem	solving	
	safe	ety	Simple recipes Food groups My Shopping Preparing to go shopping What do I take with me? Role play - making and using a list and how to exchange money Identify shops and products		Use the ove	n and hob	
	Personal, soc	cial & health			My Shopping		
	Develop an understandi	ng of personal hygiene			Shopping in the community		
	Importance of cleanlin	ess in all areas of life.			Recognise coins and exchange money		
	My Travel	Training			Identify a safe place		
	To move around t	the school safely			Consider budgeting		
	To identify signs and sym	bols within the building			Personal, social & health		
					Personal care – physical, emotional and mental		
			Identify a sa	ife stranger	Home Man	agement	
			Online s		My Travel	_	
				Personal, social & health		Develop an understanding of the world	
			Develop an understand		Road sa	•	
			for the occasion and weather		Using crossings		
			My Trave	_	Visit local	l places	
			To develop an unders				
			when out	and about			

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Knowledge of different textures to enhance and — various printing techniques.	Art - Textiles – Texture and pattern – recreating patterns and / or textures.		
Accreditation develop their work. Collage outside using natural Drawing – Line, shape and tone – tone and	Sculpture – Form, shape and pattern – 3D		
KS4 & KS5: materials. line	sculpture.		
Arts Award Painting (4) – Colour, pattern and space – Aboriginal Art - Textiles – Texture and pattern –	•		
Discover art recreating patterns and / or textures.			
Sculpture – Form, shape and pattern – 3D			
sculpture.			
Sculpture. My Music — Exploring melody, harmony and lyrics. Vocal exploration. Link with WAM topic — JAZZ, Bugsy Malone, Annie Sculpture. Music: Exploring rhythmic layers, drumming and music traditions. and music traditions. Link with WAM topic — making own and music traditions.	Music – Music and words- Music inspired by words		
Vocal exploration. Link with WAM topic – JAZZ, and music traditions.	and poetry, exploring techniques to establish mood		
Bugsy Malone, Annie Link with WAM topic – making own an	and atmosphere. Learn abo	out influential musicians	
Preparation for Christmas Performance instruments.	from differe	nt genres.	
My Drama Drama based on pupils' interests. Exploration of various genres through mediums such as Mantle of the Ex	Expert, Teacher in Role and	d other cross-curricular	
opportunities. Pupils will take part in mime and role play; movement and gesture; still image; freeze frame; s	; soundscapes; drama gam	es; conscience alley; hot	
seating and 3D living pictures. Pupils will create their own small drama based on in	interests in mixed groups.		
Opportunities to share work and celebrate peers.			
Opportunities are given throughout the year to work with our Arts Partnersh	ship – Theatre Porto.		
My Play and Leisure Structured Play Free/unstructured play	Socio dramatic play & role play		
Board games Food play	out scenes, imaginary situa		
Structured play boxes Messy play, sand & water, paint	nt create a hospital		
Card games Sensory play – homemade musical	ical		
Puzzles instruments, sensory bin	Parallel play share a tabl	able to build with blocks	
Jigsaws Exploration play – Forest School			
	Outdoor	games	
Abilities: listening skills, turn taking, following rules, Abilities—creativity, resilience, imagination,			
	Abilities: emotional regulation. life skills, model		
Tolerance help pupils make sense of the world, choice	social behaviour		
and preference	Balance, motor skills, independence		
My Thinking and Number Number Number Number Number	Number	Number	
, ,	Subtract 1-, 2- or 3- digit	Share numbers by 6, 7,	
	umbers from number up	8 and 9.	
My Maths x 2 lessons and beyond 10,000. Different methods of 9s. Recognise	to 1000.		
Simple Addition addition. groupings.			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Position and Direction	Time and Money	
Time Recognise relative value Measuring Weight and Capacity	Use appropriate	Recap earlier units and	
	positional vocabulary,	refresh/over learn	
and digital time. Know millimetres,		where necessary.	

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	that there are 24 hours in	decimal notation for	centimetres, metres	Use and compare	including the four	
	a day.	money.	and kilometres.	grams and kilograms,	compass points.	Recognise the problem
				millilitres and litres.		and begin to initiate
	Recognise there is not	Ask an adult for help to	Ask for help when		Use tools and equipment	solving it.
	enough items for	find an item not in its	something is not	Choose and gather	appropriately	
	everyone	usual place	working	equipment for a F		
				familiar activity		
My Outdoor Learning	Environmental	Orienteering	Making a fire	Using tools and	Creativity	Wilderness Explorers
	Awareness			problem solving		
		Devise a simple map	Make and tend a fire	Thinking of the	Materials and habitats in	Work successfully as a
	Identify which animals	and use basic symbols	safely	purpose of tools and	the forest school in	group to build a shelter
	live in which habitat	on a key		knots	summer	
My Physical Wellbeing	Invasion games	Target games	Gymnastics	Net and ball games	Athletics	Orienteering
	Cricket – batting,	Curling and Boccia	Creating a routine to	Striking & field		
	throwing, catching		music using small and	Hockey – hitting and		
			large apparatus.	passing		
	Rebound	Rebound	Rebound	Rebound	Rebound	Rebound
	Bikes	Bikes	Bikes	Bikes	Bikes	Bikes
My PSHCE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference:	Dreams and Goals:	Healthy Me:	Relationships:	Changing me is now
(Taken from Jigsaw SOW	In this Unit the children	In this Unit the children	In this Unit the	In this Puzzle the	This unit is focussing on	covered in our RSE
8-9)	talk about being part of a	talk about judging	children talk about	class look at the	the emotional aspects of	curriculum. This last
	team. They talk about	people by their	their hopes and	friendship groups	relationships and	half term gives us
	attitudes and actions and	appearance, first	dreams. They discuss	that they are part of,	friendships. With this in	space to not rush the
	their effects on the whole	impressions and what	how it feels when	how they are formed,	mind, children explore	other 5 units of the
	class. The children learn	influences their thinking	dreams don't come	how they have	jealousy and loss/	year as the Jigsaw
	about their school and its	on what is normal. They	true and how to cope	leaders and followers	bereavement. They	Curriculum is
	community, who all the	talk about bullying,	with /overcome	and how they fit into	identify the emotions	substantial and our
	different people are and	including online bullying	feelings of	them. The children	associated with these	learners need longer to
	what their roles are. They	and what to do if they	disappointment. The	are asked to reflect	relationship changes, the	explore some themes
	discuss democracy and	suspect or know that it	children talk about	on their friendships,	possible reasons for the	and teaching points.
	link this to their own	is taking place. They	making new plans and	how different people	change and strategies for	There will be some
	School Council, what its	discuss the pressures of	setting new goals	make them feel and	coping with the change.	overlaps between
	purpose is and how it	being a witness and why	even if they have	which friends they	The children learn that	terms.
	works. The children talk	some people choose to	been disappointed.	value the most. The	change is a natural in	
	about group work, the	join in or choose to not	The class talk about	class also look at	relationships and they	
	different roles people can	tell anyone about what	group work and	smoking and vaping	will experience (or may	
	have, how to make	they have seen. The	overcoming	and its effects on	have already	
	positive contributions,	children talk about their	challenges together.	health, they do the	experienced) some of	

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	decisions and how to deal	what is special about	successes and the	and then look at the	revisit skills of negotiation	
	with conflict. They also	themselves. They talk	feelings associated	reasons why people	particularly to help	
	talk about considering	about first impressions	with overcoming a	might drink or	manage a change in a	
	other people's feelings.	and when their own	challenge.	smoke. Finally, they	relationship. They also	
	other people's reenings.	first impression of	Challenge.	talk about peer	learn that sometimes it is	
		someone and how they		pressure and how to	better if relationships	
		have changed.		deal with it.	end, especially if they are	
		liave changeu.		ueai witii it.	causing negative feelings	
					or they are unsafe.	
					Children are taught that	
					relationship endings can	
					be amicable	
Deletionships and Cay	Familias and paople who	Respectful	Respectful	Online Relationships		Changing Radios
Relationships and Sex Education	Families and people who care for me	Relationships	Relationships	Rules for keeping	Being Safe	Changing Bodies I can name key facts
Education		-	•		I can recognise	•
	Characteristics of healthy	l can name	Importance of	safe online – SMART	appropriate physical	about puberty.
	family life	characteristics of	respecting others	Understanding that	contact to greet my	I can name the main
	Respect for family	positive and healthy	Conventions of	the same relationship	friends	changes that take place
	diversity	friendships and	courtesy and manners	principles apply	I can recognise	in males and females
	How to recognise unsafe	relationships	Importance of self-	online to in real life	appropriate and	physically and
	situations	I can discuss the	respect	How information and	inappropriate boundaries	emotionally
	Recognise how to seek	negative impact of	Understanding how	data is shared and	I can understand what	Understanding the
	advice/ help (develop an	stereotypes	to respect others and	used online	privacy means	menstrual cycle and
	understanding of the	I understand the	animals	Cyber bullying	I know the difference	how to manage it.
	emergency services)	importance of respect	Stereotypes and their	I can state what I	between public and	Scientific facts of
	Importance of stable	and tolerance of	impact	should do if I don't	private spaces	conception, pregnancy,
	relationships	difference	Permission seeking –	feel safe online	I understand that my	miscarriage and birth
	Marriage/ civil	I recognise the impact	consent and	I can recognise the	body belongs to me	
	partnership as legally	of bullying and how to	appropriate	impact of viewing	I can recognise the	Sexual Health and
	recognised commitment	respond	boundaries and touch	harmful content	importance of consent	Relationships (KS4&5
	I can recognise the	I know my legal rights	How to get help from	online	I can differentiate	only when
	importance of stable	and responsibilities	bullying	I understand the law,	between adults I can trust	appropriate)
	relationships	regarding equality	The impact of bullying	with regards to	and adults I cannot	Mutual Trust and
		I will be able to discuss	Types of bullying	sharing indecent	I can state how to	Respect
		legal options for adult		images	respond to adults I do not	Pressure and readiness
		partnerships			know	Contraception and
					I can discuss how to	prevention of disease.
					recognise and	
					communicate consent	

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						Safe and private
						masturbation
						Where to go for help
Preparing for Adulthood	Keeping Healthy	Taking Care of	Being Responsible	Self-Awareness	Collaborative Tasks	Emotional Awareness
		Ourselves				& Resilience
	Yoga		Safe use of iPads –	Recognise my	Participate in whole class	
		Carousel of home tasks	searching for local	strengths Choosing	games	Managing Strong
		ironing, folding	events, cinemas,	activities to complete		Feelings and
		clothes, hanging clothes	transport.	based on this		understanding
		up, washing dishes		awareness.		appropriate reactions.