

Our House



PMLD Course 2020/21

Welcome to your course at Our House.



The Reading College PMLD course takes place at Our House, an outside provision located in Wokingham.

Address: *Building for the Future: Our House, Toutley Road, Wokingham, RG41 1QN*

We are a multi-sensory course which specialises in profound and complex learning difficulties. It offers opportunities to continue learning life skills using a specialised sensory and interactive approach.

Learning groups are small with an average of six students a day, each with their own 1:1 support worker.

The course runs Monday - Thursday, for 36 weeks. Students have the opportunity to access this for 2 to 4 days a week dependent on needs and space available.

Timings

Monday: 9:30-3:00

Tuesday: 9:30-3:00

Wednesday: 9:30-3:00

Thursday: 9:30-3:00

Staff Contact Details



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If you are sick, late or cannot come into college please let us know.
Call us on: 0118 978 8124 and someone will answer if they are in the
office, or if no one picks up, please leave a message.
Alternatively, email Donna or Shawn on the above address to pass on
this information.

What to Expect

Our House is a large and open plan space which includes a sensory room, a computer area, soft play, a reading area and a games room.

Our aim is to enable all learners to access and experience a variety of different environments and learners to be able to identify and interact in these environments appropriately.

Our core areas of focus being communication, cognition and independent, emotional and social skills.

We offer a variety of activities for students to take part in, which vary daily.

Most of our activities are very interactive and sensory based in order to best engage our learners and ensure they continue to learn important life skills.

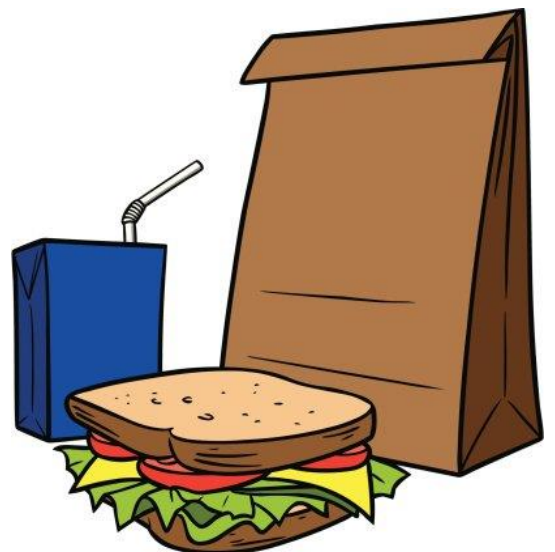
Some activities our students could take part in include:

- Rebound therapy
- Cooking
- Art
- Hydrotherapy
- 1:1 Sensory time/intensive interaction
- Accessing the community
- “The Music Man”



Things you will need at college:

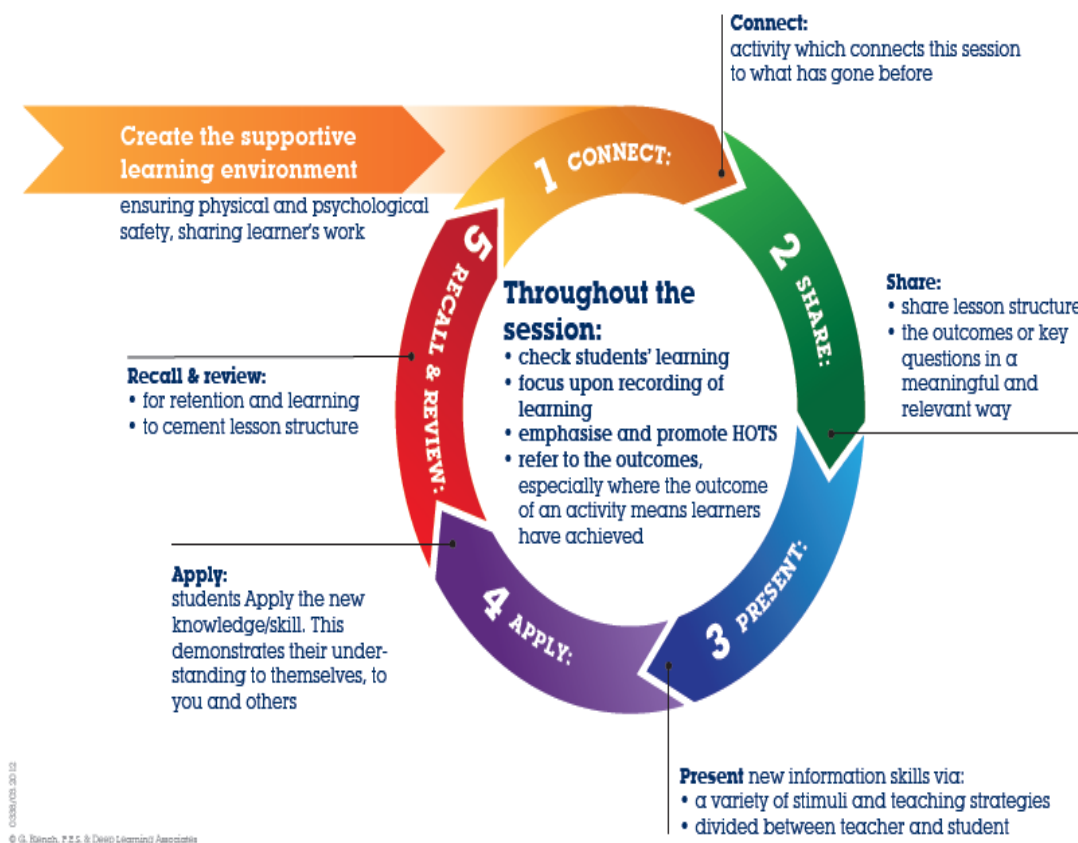
- **Packed lunch** - We do not have access to a canteen so students will need to be provided with a packed lunch. We do have a microwave.
- **Home - College communication book** - Please provide a communication book. This should be used every day to convey information between college and home.
- **Appropriate clothing** - Please provide appropriate clothing depending on the weather. We try to access the community as much as possible so a coat will need to be provided in winter, and suncream/sun hats in the summer.
- **Swimming Kit** - Swimming takes place on a Tuesday and Thursday. We aim for students to swim every two weeks, but could you please provide swimming kits every week. This includes a wet sling/floatation aids where necessary.



Awarding Body

All Learners will be working to achieve an entry 1 award in personal progression, set by Laser.

The Learning Cycle



Assessments will take place at the beginning of the year so that we can provide appropriate individualised timetables.

Assessments will also be informally carried out throughout the year. There will be no exams or coursework.

Personal targets and maths and english targets will be set to help learners move forward, learn and develop.

Term Dates

Term 1	Teaching commences	Monday 7th September
	Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
	End of Term	Thursday 17th December
Term 2	Teaching commences	Tuesday 5th January 2020
	Half Term	Monday 15th - Friday 19th February
	End of Term	Thursday 1st April
Term 3	Teaching commences	Tuesday 20th April
	Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June
	End of Term	Thursday 1st July

Progression Routes

Progression routes will be discussed with parents/carers during an annual review. Although this course is provisionally for one year, there is an option for a second year, which will be discussed at this review. There may be an option for a place at Reading College on a Skills for Living course, however, adult social care is often the next step for our learners.