The Unique Learner:	Positive Relationships:	Engaging Environments:	Learning and Development:
How the student may present	What are the adults doing?	How does the environment develop the	What types of learning would you
5 Areas of the Engagement Model are shown in		learning?	expect to see and how is evidence
bold text			recorded?
Student may communicate with Objects	Adult supports physical, medical and	Include multi-sensory elements to	Photos, video clips and corresponding
of reference, symbols, gestures, saying	personal needs	learning e.g. story sacks	annotations recorded on Evidence for
words aloud at random, echolalic. Can	Adult models and encourages student	ALDs, photos and symbols available for	Learning for practical subjects.
use challenging behaviour as another	to take part. Integrate EHCP targets into	each environment.	"Wow" and "Golden moment" records.
form of communication.	the learning.	Possibility of adding a stimulus one at a	Daily snapshots of evidence and "longer
May start to use Picture Exchange	Adult engages student with planned	time to avoid overload e.g. in the	narratives".
(PECs) and realise that it can be a means	sequences of experiences which aim to	sensory room. Experience working at	Individual progress tracked via the
for requesting that basic needs are met.	develop play skills and are linked to	different heights and positions e.g. at	number of secure statements in
Starts to use Aided Language Displays	whole school themes or curriculum	table, learning whilst in a standing	the Willow Dene framework for
(ALDs) and communication books to	vehicles.	frame, lying on mats or engaged in floor	Pathway 2.
comment and make limited choices.	Adults observe and take photo and	level work.	Evidence for Learning "tags" used to
Begins to initiate interactions with a	video evidence. Investigate which	"Magic Carpet" interactive IT resources	capture high and low engagement clips
wider range of adults and peers by using	resources, activities and environments	projected onto floor or table.	(Engagement Model is the statutory
standard greetings and goodbye.	motivate each student. Design ways of	Opportunities for messy play sessions.	assessment tool for end of Key Stages 1
May prefer to play alone and appear to	incorporating these motivators as	Learning activities brought close and	& 2.) Moderated IPSATIV judgements on
be in their own world and not aware of	adaptations to learning sessions to	made accessible to students.	progress made against student's own
others around them. May engage in	increase engagement next time.	Sensory diets form part of student's	personal best
Intensive Interaction sessions. May	Modelling and training student in PECs	daily routine. "Now & Next" boards.	Assessment evidence in the 14-19 Phase
benefit from having a "chewy" to mouth	(to request) and ALDs (to comment)	Visual timetables displayed and	is accredited and differentiation shown
and a fidget toy to support	Demonstrate phonic sounds and link	incorporate photos and symbols.	in the Achievement Continuum marking
concentration. May develop hand-eye	them to environmental sounds	Outdoor and practical, kinaesthetic	guide.
co-ordination. Likes to line objects up or	Ensuring that choice boards, PECS	learning enables skills to be practised	EHCP progress evidence is tracked for
group them in specific ways.	books, communication books etc. are	and transferred.	each area of the SEND Code of Practice.
Demonstrates persistence by spending	available and accessible at all times for	Use of mirrors to promote observation	Evidence of progress towards
longer periods of time engaged in a	pupil voice	of own reflection, facial expressions,	personalised targets set by multi-
motivating activity.	Modelling Play Schemas and skills of	awareness of own emotions. TEACCH	agencies e.g. physiotherapy, speech and
Starts to use construction toys to join	turn-taking and social interaction.	schedules and work bases	language.
and build. Explores new ways to join	Model and promote students' self-help	Environments that develop gross motor	
objects and make models. Starts to	and independence skills e.g. dressing,	skills e.g. soft play, gym, playground,	
make marks which may have a meaning	eating and drinking	Forest School	Links to the Pre-formal Equals curriculum
for the student. Engages with	Promote self-directed learning and self-	Table-based activities promote fine	
imaginative play and role-play.	regulation for well-being.	motor skills.	
Remembers musical and other cues and	Facilitate short sessions of sensory diets,		
anticipates what they signal. Developing	Intensive Interaction etc. throughout		
switch progression e.g. reaching out,			

use of 2 switches, different size	the day. Provide Attention Autism	
switches, problem-solving e.g. when a	sessions as appropriate.	
timer limits a motivating experience.		