Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 1 Award, Certificate and Extended Certificate in Child Care Skills (RQF)

The primary purpose of these qualifications is to recognise the development of knowledge and skills regarding child care. These qualifications have been designed to enable you to explore this vocational area and gain skills and confidence in working in child care, which may lead to voluntary/paid employment.

Who are they for?

- All learners in all learning environments
- Those enhancing working skills
- Those who are preparing for working life

What do these qualifications cover?

To achieve these qualifications, you will have to complete the following:

For the **Award** you will need to gain 10 credits (100 hours of learning). For the

Certificate you will need to gain 16 credits (160 hours of learning). For the **Extended Certificate** you will need to gain 25 credits (250 hours of learning.

For all qualifications you will have to complete:

- **Group A** – one mandatory unit in Exploring Opportunities in Child Care
- **Group B** – an optional units' group in Child Care topics.

You will have to gain 1 credit from the mandatory group and can then choose the remaining from the optional group. This group contains the following units:

- Caring for young children and babies
- Child Development 0-3 years
- Developing language and communication skills in children
- Introduction to safeguarding children
- The principles of listening to children
- Introduction of the development of children and young people through play
- Working with others in children's and young people's settings
- Introductory awareness of equality and inclusion in children's and young people's settings

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards these qualifications and no specific prior achievements required.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve these qualifications.

Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

What are the Progression Opportunities?

These qualifications have been developed to enable you to progression to further learning and/or employment.

You may choose to progress to further studies, such as:

- Open Awards qualifications in Child Care at Level 2 (such as the Skills in Health qualification)
- Other vocational qualifications at Level 2
- Supported Internships/Voluntary Work/other employment

Who supports these qualifications?

Our schools' sector is very keen to support these qualifications and they include (but is not limited to) Manor Academy, Abbots Lea School and Abbey Hill Academy.