### Important things you should know about me:

❖ I Find it hard to understand long pieces of spoken information

#### How I communicate:

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- I use pointing, signing, some learnt spoken phrases and some vocalisations to communicate
- I will show you or lead you to things I want by taking your hand
- I will also point to symbols in my
  communication book to tell you what I want
- I can understand one key word at a time
- Please ignore my learnt phrases 'yes, please',
   'thank you very much', 'I don't want to'. They are
   repetitive and do not mean anything

### Things I like:

\* Chocolate \* Hugs \* Laughing \* Singing \*
The computer \* Swimming\* Being with
other people

# Hi I'm Paula



### Things you can do to help me:

- > Sit at my eye level and say my name before talking to me to get my attention
- > Use gesture/sign and pictures when giving me instructions
- > Use a lot of facial expressions to support my understanding
  - > Only give me one job at a time
  - Confirm whether I mean 'yes' or 'no' by using my communication book and pointing to the appropriate symbol

## Things I don't like:

\* Loud noises \* Invasion of personal space \* Changes in routine (visual timetables help me cope) \*