



Jessica

Meet the therapist

Hi, I'm Jessica, one of the therapists here at bibic. I also have the pleasure of supporting our students and work experience placements as well as delivering Johansen Individualised Auditory Stimulation programmes.

I've been with bibic since January 2018, and the initial excitement I had reading the job description back in October 2017 has not faded. I can still remember the day I saw the advert just before my birthday - it felt like my own personal present! Before working at bibic I was a Portage home visitor, a home visiting service for children under five with additional needs and developmental difficulties.

My original training was in primary teaching for children with additional needs, it has been a great foundation to build all my knowledge upon as well as providing a lot of classroom experience in a multitude of school settings.

Whilst I was at university I also volunteered at youth groups. So when the bibic job description said that therapy supports children from 6 months to 25 years I was so happy that I could work with all the individuals I have a passion for and get to help families. So, upping my roots and moving over 150 miles for bibic was an easy decision!

I'm a neurodivergent, with Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. Having my own neurodivergence helps me to empathise with those I work with, understanding the frustrations that come with education and how they can pervade into all areas of life.

I love working with those with similar difficulties to my own, and I have a real passion and knowledge for more profound and physical difficulties, communication difficulties and auditory difficulties.'

I love the work that I am privileged to do. It is an honour for me that the families and individuals who come to bibic are so open and honest with me, whilst seeking out support for their loved ones.

bibic's holistic approach is something that I appreciate so much, because it allows us to work with individuals being their authentic self. It means a lot of thinking on your feet but that is the fun bit. We also get to see the impact and value our service has almost immediately and that gives me amazing job satisfaction.

Being able to work in such a wonderful place as bibic I feel like I have an entire patchwork quilt full of memories and standout moments but ones that always stick are where barriers that can sometimes feel challenging seem to disappear at bibic.

So, if you allow me I would like to leave you with a final word of wisdom/advice... don't feel disheartened, don't feel like you are not enough, don't feel like you are not doing your best, because I can promise you without a doubt you are doing your best for you child or young adult. You are here, you are seeking support, you are turning up for them everyday. Despite all the hurdles that you face please remember that you are doing an amazing job and if you need help that's what we are here for.