

Jess

Meet the Therapist

Hi I'm Jess, a Developmental Therapist here at bibic, the lead for Irlen assessments and a Johansen Individualised Auditory Stimulation provider. I started at bibic in July 2018.

Before starting at bibic I worked in a specialist provision supporting children with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). My role included; carrying out physiotherapy programmes, using a variety of communication methods, monitoring changes in their learning needs and working with the teachers to develop personalised strategies for the children as well as providing personal and medical care.

During this time, I was a respite carer for many families, each on a different path. It was such a delight to be able to make their lives a little easier in any way possible; whether that was having time as a family or allowing parents time together, whilst I got to have lots of fun with the child I was supporting.

Supporting children with PMLD, communication difficulties and early years children is where a huge part of my knowledge lies as well as a great passion of mine, and I love being able to support these individuals at bibic.

I became a bibic Therapist so that I could work more closely with families, helping to make a difference when most needed. At the heart of what I get to do day to day is supporting families, which is hugely fulfilling and rewarding, but for me it is always first and foremost about the individual. Enabling them to have the support they deserve

and reduce any worries that they have. Accepting them for the wonderful person they are and not only the diagnosis (given or suspected) that they may come with.

Everyone has something to bring, and it is amazing that I get to see that at work every day. One of the things that brings me the most joy is developing a connection with who I am working with, they share with me their unique character, perseverance despite the struggles they face whilst maybe teaching me a really good new joke or an unknown fact.

Every day is different and no two assessments are the same, so there are so many moments that stand out and happy memories that stay with me. What I have always believed is that everyone has a voice and deserves to share it, so when an individual comes to us with no functional communication and they go away being able to use the Makaton sign for 'more' after two days I can't help but relish in the moment of their success.

I endeavour to be what my families need me to be, whether that be a listening ear, some calm in the storm or someone to share their challenges with, showing a genuine interest in their story and a strong desire to help.

Let's work together to make small changes to see a big difference in both the individual and your lives. This is not just a job to me, it is a sense of purpose and a privilege.