

## **TESTIMONIAL FOR BROOKE RICHARDSON**

Working at Jelly Beans Montessori Nursery has been an enriching and fulfilling journey, one that has deeply shaped my professional and personal growth over the past four years.

Having initially joined as an Early Years Practitioner, then transitioning into the role of a Room Leader, I am now the Jelly Beans Lead Montessori Teacher and ENCO. I recently returned to Jelly Beans after briefly exploring the realm of a local primary school, whilst there I gained my Diploma of Higher Education in Education Studies (Primary).

My brief departure to explore the landscape of a local primary school was an insightful detour and allowed me to gain experience of expectations of the children once they leave our early years setting, yet it was the values and ethos unique to Jelly Beans that drew me back. The Montessori values and ethos prioritise fostering independence, self-directed learning, and respect for each child's unique development, whilst upholding a nurturing and child-centric approach creating an environment where every child is seen, heard, and valued.

What truly sets Jelly Beans Montessori Nursery apart is the palpable sense of belonging and warmth that permeates every corner of our setting. It is a testament to the Montessori ethos that this space isn't just a place of learning; it is a home away from home, for all, children, staff and our families.