

Vanessa is a mother of a teenage son who she adopted when he was four years old. Her experience spans autism, ADHD, developmental trauma, sensory processing, dyslexia, dyspraxia and visual impairment. She has worked with mainstream and special schools and has experience of navigating her way round the EHCP process. She is also a registered foster carer so has experience of the emotional needs of looked after children.

Vanessa is passionate about supporting parents and carers through their own journeys and feels “if she knew then what she knew now” her journey may have been less rocky. She wants to be able to use her experience to help the SEND community and gather the thoughts and needs of these families in Elmbridge to influence change for a better future.

In her spare time she loves to paint with water colours, walk her dogs, tend her garden and run the Saturday morning Rhyme time in the local library.

