

Public seminar for adoptive parents and other permanent carers



Tricky Transitions - coping with change at school

Who should attend

Adoptive parents and other permanent carers

Teachers, social workers and other professionals working with children

Trainer

Helen McConnell is an experienced teacher. Having completed a BA in drama and a post graduate teaching qualification she taught in secondary schools for seven years. Helen has worked across the field of education with pupils in secondary and primary as part of transition schemes and nurture groups, working with children with a wide range of abilities and needs. Since joining PAC-UK in 2015 Helen has worked passionately as part of the education team to raise awareness of adoption based difficulties in education, and worked with schools and families to provide support and evidence based strategies to meet the needs of young people of permanence struggling in education.

For adopted and permanently placed children, transitions can be a trigger and can significantly impact on anxieties and difficulties. This has very possibly had more significant dimensions in this unprecedented school year due to the Pandemic. This training aims to develop your understanding of the specific impact that transitions can have on permanently placed children and learn about strategies that can support children. It will include "good hello's": working to get it right from the start, and "good goodbyes'': helping children leave their previous school or setting. It will also include addressing the possible heightened sensitivities to transitions due to recent pandemic and the effect this has had on children's life at school.

VIA 🗖 zoom

Date

Wednesday 14 July 2021 10.00am – 1.00pm

Fees

PAC-UK subscribing local authorities + all self-paying parents/carers:

Individual parents/carers: £56 plus VAT (£67.20 in total)

Couples: £106 plus VAT (£127.20 in total) Professionals: £98 plus VAT ((117.0) is total)

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PAC-UK non-subscribing local authorities:

Individual parents/carers: £65 plus VAT (£78 in total)

Couples: £121 plus VAT (£145.20in total) Professionals: £116 plus VAT (£139.20 in total)

Benefits of attending:

Key areas will include understanding:

- What are transitions and why are they crucial for permanently placed children?
- Good goodbyes: helping children leave their previous school or setting
- Good hellos: working to get it right from the start
- Supporting children's development

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