

BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

Building for Success: Supporting Autistic Young People to Thrive during Transition from Primary to Secondary

With Dr Pooky Knightsmith. Tuesday 9th June 9.30am

How SENCOs and other professionals Can Support Autistic Students

Moving from Year 6 to Year 7

For: **SENCOs/Teachers/TAs and Professionals of both Primary and Secondary Schools**

A focused session looking at what transition really feels like for autistic students and their families, why some of the students who concern us most are the ones who appear to be coping, and what we can do before September and beyond to make this transition better. Practical, research-informed and grounded in what works, with space to explore what this looks like for your setting and the students moving to or from you this year.

What we'll cover

- Lead with strengths, not deficits.
- Spot the students who look fine but aren't.
- Put relationships at the heart of transition.
- Name a safe adult before September.
- Make sure what works in primary travels with the student.
- Act early on the signs that things are wobbling.
- Involve families and students as partners.

Join us on Zoom for an hour including a 30-minute presentation and discussion time with

OR sign up to receive a 30-minute recorded presentation for you to watch

The online sessions are free, but it is essential you register using the link below.

[09.06.2026. How SENCOs Can Support Autistic Students Moving from Year 6 to Year 7 sign-up. – Fill in form](#)

Any questions please email Autism.Team@Barnet.gov.uk with

“Pooky Knightsmith talks June 2026” in the header.