

TIMETABLE for CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIRMINGHAM INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEALS 2020-21 ^{v2}

This updated version of the timetable follows guidance received from the DfE on 24 April 2020 on the effect of the temporary regulations on hearing appeals issued by them in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The new temporary regulations provide more flexibility for admission authorities to set new or revised deadlines for submitting an appeal.

Appeal applications should be made in writing to the Chair of Governors for any Church of England Birmingham school which is its own Admissions Authority (any Academy or Voluntary Aided school). Please ask the school/Academy for an Appeal Form. You must give written reasons for your appeal. For any other type of school, application should be made to the Local Authority within which the school is situated.

Once an appeal has been lodged, appellants will receive at least 14 calendar days written notice of their appeal hearing date (although candidates can waive their right to this). Appeal papers will be sent to all parties at least 5 calendar days prior to the appeal hearing.

If you would like to submit additional evidence prior to the appeal hearing, you should ensure that this is submitted to the Appeal Clerk at least 7 calendar days prior to the appeal hearing. Decision letters will be sent within 7 calendar days following the hearing, where possible.

Admission Appeals for children due to start Infant, Junior or Primary School in September 2020

If your child is due to start Infant (Reception entry), Junior (Year 3 entry) or Primary School (Reception entry) in September 2020, you may appeal if you were refused a place at one of your preferred schools.

National Primary Offer Day – Thursday, 16 April 2020.

Deadline for lodging appeals – Monday, 18 May 2020.

Appeals received by Monday, 18 May 2020 will be heard, where possible, by Friday, 17 July 2020 (except appeals for Warwickshire schools which will be heard, where possible, by Tuesday, 01 September 2020).

Appeals received after Monday, 18 May 2020 (late appeals) will be heard by Friday, 17 July 2020 (or Tuesday, 01 September for Warwickshire schools) where possible, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged (whichever is later).

Please note that it may not be possible to hear late appeals before the start of the new school year in September 2020.

In-year Admission Appeals

If your child has been refused a place at one of your preferred schools (primary or secondary) **outside the normal round of admissions** (ie at any time other than as above), you may appeal within 28 days of the refusal of the place. Your appeal will, where possible, be heard within 30 days of being lodged.

In-year Appeal applications must be made in writing to the Chair of Governors for the school. Please ask the school for an Appeal Form.